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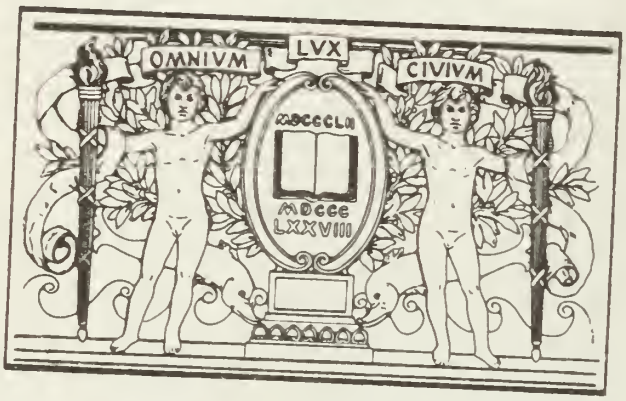

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CORRECTION OF ERRORS.

Page 13, 11th line from top, for Southard, read South*east.*
" 14, 6th line from bottom, for in June, read *is* June.
" 23, in the last line, for Abial, read *Abiel.*
" 57, 12th line from bottom, for 1824, read 1821.
" 251, 5th line from bottom, for Deering, read *Dewing.*
" 254, 6th line from bottom, for 1802, read 1824.
" 302, 15th line from bottom, for David Fay, read *Adam* Fay.
" 306, in the note, 6th line from top, for his children saw, read his *children's* children saw.
" 436, 8th line from top, for sister of the Rev. Job Cushing, read sister *of the wife* of the Rev. Job Cushing.
" 463, 10th line from bottom, for July 2, 1814, read July 22. 1814.
" 468, 10th line from top, for Whedlocr, read *Wheelock.*

The reader is desired to make the above corrections with his pen on the pages designated.

Alexander W. Bellows *is not* the son of John Bellows, Jun., as stated on p. 245.

The number of copies of this work ordered from the press was so limited, that before it was finished, it was thought the demand for them would exceed the supply. A few copies, consisting only of the Family Register, have therefore been stricken off to supply those, who naturally would feel more interested in that portion of the work.

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INTRODUCTION.

This work is entitled a History of the Town, but is rather a History of its PEOPLE, with some particulars relating to its settlement and progress, to 1829, and other matters from sundry records, desirable to be known in connection with the families and individuals of whom some account will be found in the Family Register.

Very little, if any thing contained in a sketch of the town, which I furnished and was published in the Worcester Magazine in 1826, will be found here; that sketch was hastily prepared, and was imperfect, if nothing more, inasmuch as it was destitute of genealogical information.

To furnish a Family Register of the inhabitants of the town, from its settlement to a recent period, was the chief, if not the sole, cause of this undertaking; in preparing which it became desirable to learn the ancestry of the early settlers; that I have been enabled to do (of many families, and to an early period in the settlement of the country, and more diffusely than will appear here) by means of copies of records of the towns embraced in Middlesex County; some of these records extend back to 1630, and others, to remote periods as the settlements progressed. They are voluminous, and have been procurred at great expense; in addition to them some were obtained of other towns, whereby the field for research was enlarged, and the labor of searching out ancestry not a little increased; for that labor I have been compensated in obtaining to a considerable extent, the information desired, and in acquiring a knowledge of the fact, that much can be gathered from them to gratify those, who are seeking a knowledge of their ancestry, whether in the line through which they descended, or of the collateral branches of the respective generations. Some information of the ancestry of the early settlers will

be found in notes under the respective family heads, and in which all will feel an interest, more particularly their descendants, and those, who have become connected with them. In tracing them before their settlement here, I have, for the most part, confined my account of them to their line direct to the remotest ancestor in this country of whom I could obtain a knowledge in the little time devoted to it, without speaking of the collateral branches of the different generations to the extent I could have done, as the object of this work did not require it, and its limits would not admit of so wide a range.

In pursuing the inquiry, my information has been extended, and my curiosity gratified.

By the records of olden time, I have been introduced not only to the ancient dead, whose works live in history, and whose deeds are related in story, but made acquainted with numerous family lines of subsequent generations and their wide spread connections.

In this compilation I introduce them to the reader, with an account of some of their descendants, their families, &c., and of others, whose remote ancestry I could not, or had not time to trace. What reflections have not arisen in my mind, while preparing it! What will not be produced in his, who reads it! The aged will meditate upon it, and recall to mind many things they had forgotten, if they ever knew them; while the young, with more buoyant feelings, perusing it for information, will find it an instructive compendium of genealogy, and some of the historical matter entertaining, when drawn around the evening fireside, where more frequently occur an interchange of thoughts and a participation in feelings, that give a zest to amusement.

Such is the subject matter of it, and drawn from records to minuteness of detail, that as time passes the interest taken in it will increase and extend to distant parts, where relatives and descendants, having left the place of their birth, have taken up their abode with little knowledge of their ancestry, and destitute of the means of acquiring it; to such particularly, and their children, and their children's children, the Family Register will be a valuable source of information, while all will find in it some things they never knew before.

Who has not a desire to know something of the *people* of a town, as well as of its location, its ponds, hills and natural advantages? Who they were, and who their ancestors, that were here before us, and have long since departed? Who they were, that laid the foundations, religious, political and social, on which we are raising superstructures? Who they were, that commenced, under great privations and dangers, what we are now enjoying in abundance and without molestation? Is there not a spirit in man that yearns, as the babe for the mother's breast, to know who, and what his family, that lived of old on the place he himself now occupies? who subdued the forests, ploughed the fields and sowed where he himself now reaps? whence he came, with whom he was connected in the tenderest ties of family relation, when he died, and whom he left to uphold his name? perhaps his ancestor!

There *is* such a spirit in man, and we rejoice in the belief, that it is waking out of sleep and seeking a knowledge of them that have passed away. Under the influence of feelings, that naturally give rise to such inquiries, I copied from the records of the town before I removed, but merely for my own curiosity, without expecting or intending to make the use of them I now have, all the marriages, births and deaths, from its settlement to 1829, that could be found thereon, including some other matter, and a list of the town officers as exhibited herein, from 1727 to 1829, both years inclusive. Since which time, and recently, to aid in making the Register more full and complete, I have copied the records of the church from its organization in 1723 to 1824, which contain the admissions to, and dismissions from it, and the baptisms in it during that period, with other ecclesiastical matter on record. There I found the names and a record of the baptisms of many children, whose births had not been put on the town record; hence I have been able to preserve the names and give an account of some children, that otherwise must have been omitted in the Register, and of whom, in little time, all knowledge would be lost, and consequently their origin unknown. They will be found under the parental head, with the time of baptism, which in early times was the next Sabbath after birth—and in several instances, as appears of record, both happened on the same day. More children

were baptized formerly than of late years, and earlier in life. Herein will be found an account of all the families that have lived in town previous to 1829, so far as a knowledge of them can be had by a record of a birth or death in any one of them, including those whose children were baptized, but had not their births recorded. While omitting *none*, I have gone into a detail with *all*, so far as records would enable me to do; nothing short of a detail of particulars will or ought to satisfy the reader in tracing his ancestry and family connection. Where dates are given, they are taken from the records, but the records themselves are not always correct. Errors must be expected in a work like this; some have been discovered and noted in an errata; others no doubt will be found, some of them arising on my part, and some from erroneous information. The belief that such would be the case, and that errors innumerable would creep in, came near discouraging me, and more than once, when this work was half completed, I thought to abandon it altogether; but considering that, if every one should fold up his arms and attempt nothing, because he might make mistakes, not any thing would be done, and that he who labors for good, and aims to be correct, will, even if he fails in it, have the credit of *trying*, I persevered, and the result is before the public.

Two years have elapsed since it was commenced; other avocations have occupied most of my time by day, and prevented its earlier appearance; it has been prepared at intervals, and much of it when others were asleep. Of the Family Register, it is not known, that one on this plan, so full and minute, in family detail, has before been attempted. In some instances it is brought down later than to 1829 of those who were there before that time; of those who have moved into town since that period, I know so little, I could say nothing that would be satisfactory to them or myself. In most of what I have read of genealogy I have found the females to have been neglected; they have not received that attention to which they were and are entitled, they have often been not so much as named; it will not be found so here. What are the lords of creation without the beauty of it!

West Newton, Sept. 1847.

PROPRIETORS, HOUSE LOTS, &c.

We have been told, that this town was settled by people mostly from Marlboro'—that the tract of land, which afterwards comprised the township, was granted by the General Court to sundry persons, who had petitioned the Court therefor. To most of those now on the stage but little more is known of the incipient steps towards its settlement, than the above brief and traditionary account.

From a desire to know more particularly how that was, and to learn who were the petitioners, their names, &c., and to learn their reasons and motives, as expressed in their own language for requesting the grant, I examined the records in the Secretary's office, hoping to find the original petition or a copy of it, but could find neither of them—It was probably destroyed in 1760, when the State House with numerous files of valuable papers were burnt, whereby much interesting information relating to the early settlements in Massachusetts has been lost.

Nothing more appears on the records there, than the proceedings of the General Court upon their petition—there is some evidence to show the petition bore date of 1716. Upon the reception and hearing of the petition, the Court ordered a viewing Committee—their report (noted on the margin of the record, "Report on the petition of Marlboro' men,") was as follows:

"Pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly at their session in May last, we, the subscribers, have been upon the land petitioned to be a township by John Brigham and thirty others; have viewed the situation and the quality of the same, and informed ourselves of the circumstances of the petitioners, that

desire the grant of the land for a township, and are of opinion, that they, and such as join with them, are a competent number, and such as are likely by themselves or their Dependants to make a good and speedy settlement thereon. And that, if this Honourable Court allow to the Westerly part of Marlboro' a line to be continued from the Westerly line of Lt. Rice's farm, until it meets with Fay's farm, and then to bound by said Fay's farm according to the line thereof, until it meet with Sutton line on the Southward and from the North West corner of said Rice's land to run upon a strait line to a heap of stones, called Warner's corner, which is the most Easterly corner of Haynes' farm by the Country Road, and from thence by a line running North 20 degrees East by the needle, till it meet with Lancaster line on the North, it will not so disadvantage the land petitioned for a township, but that it may be very accommodable and entertain a suitable number of persons to make a good town.

SAMUEL THAXTER,
JOHN CHANDLER,
JONATHAN REMINGTON.

Marlboro', June 19, 1717."

It also appears from the Records of the Court appointing the viewing Committee on the petition of John Brigham and thirty others, that the petitioners prayed for a grant of the land to be *given* or *sold* to them lying between Marlboro' and Worcester, Lancaster, Sutton and Hassanamisco, now Grafton. Westboro' and Northboro' were then a part of Marlboro'; and in 1717 the Inhabitants living in the Westerly part of Marlboro' petitioned to be set off from Marlboro' and made a township by themselves, this petition and that of John Brigham and others were both pending at the same time, after both were reported upon by viewing Committees, the Westerly part of Marlboro' was set off and incorporated as a town, by the name of Westboro' and extending farther West than the original Westerly line of Marlboro', included a strip of that tract prayed for by John Brigham and others. In both cases before the grants were made, surveys and plans of each township were ordered to be made and returned for the

better understanding of the Court; the persons composing the viewing Committee were, if I mistake not, the same in both cases.

The foregoing report having been made to the Court, it was at their session on the 31st of October and 2d November, 1717, "Ordered, that the tract of land protracted and described, with the farms heretofore granted to particular persons contained in the plot be made a township, excepting so much thereof, as the report of Samuel Thaxter, John Chandler and Jonathan Remington, Esqrs., dated 19th of June 1717, doth propose to be taken off and added to the Westerly part of Marlboro'; and that Jonathan Remington, Samuel Thaxter and Francis Fullam, Esqrs. be a committee fully empowered to grant and lay out the whole of said lands (except what has been heretofore granted) to such persons as they in their wisdom shall think most likely to advance the settlement of the place; they paying the said Committee for the use of the Province, not exceeding twelve pence per acre for said lands, and the charge of the Committee for laying out the same, which is to be done in as convenient and defensible a manner as the circumstances of the plan will admit of, provided they have there at least forty families settled there with an Orthodox minister within the space of three years, and that a lot and other accommodations, as large and convenient as may be to the place will admit of in the judgment of said Committee, be laid out to the first settled minister, also a lot for the ministry, and another for the use of the school. Sent up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Consented to,

SAMUEL SHUTE."

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAYING OUT COMMITTEE.

We the Subscribers, whose names are under written, a Committee appointed and fully empowered by the Great and General Court or Assembly of his Majesties Province of Massachusetts Bay, in New England, held at Boston, Oct. 23, 1717, to grant and lay out the whole of the lands described in a plot exhibited and prayed for by John Brigham and thirty others, agreeable to the order of said Court, passed thereon upon the report of

Samuel Thaxter, John Chandler and Jonathan Remington, Esqrs. Oct. 31 and Nov. 2d, 1717, lying Eastward of and contiguous to the town of Worcester, made a township by said Court. Pursuant to the power and directions to us given in and by the order of the General Court, having due regard to the savings and exceptions therein made,

Have granted to the several petitioners and farmers, whose names are underwritten, and on the other side, and to their heirs forever, the several House Lots in said lands, in number and quantity, as set down against each Grantees' name, respectively, upon and with the following conditions and provisos, and not otherwise.

1. That each and every person, to whom a Lot is, or shall be granted, shall by himself or other meet person, such as the Committee shall accept and approve of, effectually settle such Lot to the acceptance and satisfaction of the Committee, as to manner and time, and so as to conform to the order of said General Court, dated as above said; and

2. Shall also pay to the Committee for the use of this Province the sum of £3,12,0, each person in current money or Bills of Public Credit, at or before the first day of June, Anno 1725, and do also satisfy the Committee for their time, &c.

3. That each and every petitioner named and distinguished as farmers, as set down on the other side of this leaf, to whom a House Lot is granted, shall (over and above the fulfilling all the conditions above mentioned.) effectually, and to the satisfaction of the Committee, within the space of six years from the date of the above said order of Court, settle at least one family upon each of their farms respectively, lying within said town, distinct from the settlement on the new Lot granted them, or else shall forfeit to the Country the Lots granted them.

Lot No. 3, to Joseph Buckminster, Esq., sixty-three acres, 63
No. 2, to Lt. John Houghton, seventy acres, ... 70
No. 25, to George Brown, for his son Josiah Brown, seventy acres, ... 70
No. 42, to John Keyes, Sen., sixty-six acres, ... 66

No. 23, to Jotham Brigham, admitted in the room of Asa Bowker, ... 70
No. 28, to John Wheeler, sixty acres, ... 60
No. 31, to James Keyes, seventy acres, ... 70
No. 16, to John Keyes, Jr. fifty-three acres, ... 53
No. 45, to Thomas Keyes, seventy acres, ... 70
No. 43, to Eleazer Taylor, sixty-nine acres, ... 69
No. 24, to Thomas Hall, seventy acres, ... 70
No. 33, to Jacob Hinds, sixty acres, ... 60
No. 26, to Samuel Crosby admitted in the room of Jer. Holman, ... 73
No. 29, to John Gates, seventy acres, ... 70
No. 6, to John Upham, seventy-two acres, ... 72
No. 11, to Daniel Rand, sixty-two acres, ... 62
No. 37, to Richard Temple, seventy acres, ... 70
No. 18, to John Shattuck, fifty-eight acres, ... 58
No. 4, to Joseph Baker, sixty-seven acres, ... 67
No. 39, to John Wheeler, sixty acres, ... 60
No. 36, to Samuel Brigham, admitted in the room of Gershom Wheelock, ... 70
No. 10, to John Sherman, seventy-two acres and three quarters, ... 72¾
No. 44, to William Johnson, sixty-seven acres, ... 67
No. 27, to Thomas Gleason, admitted in room of Ephraim Curtice, ... 70
No. 21, to Peter Smith, sixty-nine acres and an half, 69½
No. 38, to Abiah Bush, sixty-one acres, ... 61
No. 7, to William Ward, admitted in room of Benj. Bellows, ... 69

The farmers to whom House Lots are granted by the Committee upon the conditions written on the other side.

Lot No. 14, to John Brigham, seventy acres, ... 70
No. 1, to Peter Hains, sixty-eight acres, ... 68
No. 40, to Capt Joshua Hains, sixty-six acres, ... 66
No. 34, to Lt. David Haines, seventy acres, ... 70
No. 17, to Moses Newton, fifty-one acres and an half, 51½
No. 13, to John Crosby, admitted in room of Daniel How, ... 62

Lot No. 5, to Jonathan Witt, sixty-one acres, ... 61
No. 15, to Thomas Hapgood, sixty-two and an half acres, 62½
No. 32, to James Gleazon, in room of William Taylor, 70
No. 41, to Caleb Rice, in room of Samuel Wheelock, Sen., sixty acres, ... 60
No. 19, to Elias Keyes, sixty-five acres, ... 65
No. 12, to Jonathan Loring, sixty-seven acres, ... 67
No. 8, to Nahum Ward, fifty-eight acres, ... 58
No. 9, to Capt. Edward Goddard, sixty-nine acres, . 69
No. 35, to Gershom Keyes, admitted in room of Capt. Brown, ... 52

And the true intent and meaning of the Committee is, that every Grantee before mentioned, (as also the Public Lots,) that shall fulfill the conditions before expressed, shall be entitled to all after divisions of land in said township, and that all the land now lying in common and undivided be shared among them, part and part alike, or otherwise remain in common, as they shall agree, and the Grantees have liberty to divide the same in whole or in part, when they see good. And that every of the before named Grantees shall be and is hereby obliged to pay the said sum of three pounds and twelve shillings before mentioned, at six equal payments—twelve shillings each for the use of the Province, the first at or before the first day of June, 1720, and so yearly and every year, until each particular Grantee have fully paid to the Committee or such other as the Court appoints to receive the same, the full sum of £3,12,0 each, which will amount in the whole to the sum of one hundred fifty-one pounds and four shillings.

JONATHAN REMINGTON,
SAMUEL THAXTER,
FRANCIS FULLAM. } Committee.

Dec. 18, 1718."

Some years after, the Proprietors, with a view to know to whom the several house lots were granted, Dec. 30, 1718, and the quantity of meadow ground alloted to each and where situated, and how bounded, &c., and the respective names of the persons in possession of the several lots, required an account

of the same to be made out and entered on their Book, of which the following is a copy.

The grants, so far as the Courts' Committee were concerned, were made on the 18th Dec. 1718—perhaps the grants on the 30th were made *merely* to show the Proprietors' acceptance of the doings of the Committee.

"Lot No. 1, Granted to Peter Haines, Dec. 30, 1718.

This first Lot in Shrewsbury, contains in it 68 acres, and is situate at the South East corner of said town, and is bounded Easterly and Southerly by the town line—Westerly by the 2d Lot, and otherways by common land—the Southard angle is a white oak, &c.

It hath, for a division of meadow in said town, the 2d Lot in Wild Cat meadow, six acres; and is bounded Southerly by the meadow lot of Col. Joseph Buckminster, which is No. 1; and partly by the great Island in said meadow—Westerly by upland, Northerly by the meadow Lot of John Houghton, which is No. 3. This Lot (68 acres) hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, in the common or undivided land, and is, 24 Dec. 1728, in the possession of Eleazer Pratt.

Lot No. 2, Granted to John Houghton, Dec. 30, 1718.

This second Lot in Shrewsbury, contains in it seventy acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, in the undivided land in Shrewsbury, and lyeth near the South East angle of the town, bounded Southerly by the town line, Easterly by the first Lot, Westerly by the third Lot, Northerly by common land—and hath for a division of meadow six acres, the 3d Lot in Wild Cat meadow, bounded Southerly by the meadow Lot of Peter Hains which is No. 29, Northerly by the meadow Lot of William Ward, which is No. 4, Easterly partly by the meadow of John Sherman; this Lot (70 acres,) is, Jan. 11, 1728, in the possession of David Goodnow.

Lot No. 3 was Granted to Col. Joseph Buckminster, Dec. 30, 1718.

This third Lot in Shrewsbury, contains in it 63½ acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it in the common and undivided land in Shrewsbury, and is situated near the South East corner

of the town, bounded Easterly by the 2d Lot, Southerly by the town line, Westerly by the 4th Lot, Notherly by common land, and hath for a division of meadow the first Lot in Wild Cat meadow, and lyeth for six acres on both sides of an Island, bounded Southerly on the town line, Northerly by Peter Haines' meadow Lot No. 2, and is divided into two pieces by the Island; this Lot (63½ acres) is in the possession of Wm. Nurse and Ebenezer Nurse, Jan. 13, 1729.

Lot No. 4, Granted to Joseph Baker, Dec. 30, 1718.

This fourth House Lot in Shrewsbury, contains sixty-seven acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, in the undivided land in Shrewsbury, bounded Easterly by the 3d House Lot, Southerly by the town line, otherways by common land—hath for a division of meadow, 5 acres adjoining the West side of his Lot, called Great Pisket; this Lot (67 acres) is in the possession of Reuben Maynard, Jan. 13, 1729.

Lot No. 5, Granted to Jonathan Witt, Dec. 30, 1718.

This fifth House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it sixty-one acres, and a 50 acre right, &c. The swamp land within the bounds of it is esteemed as six acres of meadow, lyeth joining to the Westerly end of Fay's farm, and is bounded Easterly, partly by said farm, every way else by common land, the length of lines and degrees as they were set forth by William Ward, in the town platt, &c. This Lot is Jan. 23, 1729, in the possession of William Croutch.

Lot No. 6, Granted to John Upham, Dec. 30, 1718.

This sixth House Lot in Shrewsbury, contains in it 72 acres and hath a 50 acre right, &c., and lyeth near the South line of the town, and Easterly from Great Bummit. The meadow and swamp land within it, is esteemed for his six acres of valuable meadow, bounded every way by undivided land; this Lot (72 acres) in June 2, 1730, in the possession of Ebenezer Cutler.

Lot No. 7, Granted to William Ward, admitted in room of Benj. Bellows, Dec. 30, 1718.

This seventh House Lot in Shrewsbury, contains in it 69 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and lyeth at the South East part of Robbins' farm, bounded Notherly by said

farm, and by part of the 8th Lot, Easterly by the 9th Lot, and otherways by undivided land, length of lines and degrees, as they were set forth by Wm. Ward, in the platt of the town of Shrewsbury, he hath for a division of meadow, the fourth Lot in Wild Cat meadow, and lies for six acres, be it more or less; this 7th Lot is now Jan. 24, 1729, in the possession of Samuel Miles.

Lot No. 8, Granted to Nahum Ward, Dec. 30, 1718.

This Eighth House Lot in Shrewsbury, contains in it 58¼ acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and lyeth joining to the end of Robbins' farm, and is bounded Westerly by said farm, and Southerly by part of the 7th and part of the 9th Lots, and Easterly by the 10th Lot, Northerly by undivided land, the length of lines and degrees as they are set forth by William Ward, in the platt of the town of Shrewsbury, he hath for a division of meadow, six acres of meadow and swamp, and lyes in several pieces, one piece lyes joining to the North end of Golding meadow—measured for 4 acres and 100 rods, bounded South by the town line, otherways by common land, except where it joins to the 6th House Lot, another piece of swamp lying four rods East from the meadow, and lyeth for 60 rods, bounded South by the town line, otherways by undivided land; another piece esteemed as one acre *higher up the hill (!)* East from the former, and bounded South by the line; this Lot (58¼ acres,) is now Jan. 27, 1729, in possession of Samuel Crosby.

Lot No. 9, Granted to Capt. Edward Goddard, Dec. 30, 1718.

This ninth House Lot in Shrewsbury, contains in it 69 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and is bounded Northerly by the 8th and 10th Lots, Southerly by Fay's farm, Westerly partly by the 7th Lot, and partly by common land, Easterly by common land, it hath for a division of meadow, the fifth Lot in Wild Cat meadow; this Lot (No. 9) is now, Jan. 27, 1729, in possession of Jacob Green.

Lot No. 10, Granted to John Sherman, Dec. 30, 1718.

This tenth House Lot in Shrewsbury, contains in it 72¾ acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c.,; the meadow within it esteemed as 2½ acres of valuable meadow, and is situated

on Boston Hill, and bounded Southerly by the 9th Lot, Westerly by the 8th Lot, otherways by common land, for the remainder of his meadow, two pieces, one piece of 3 acres called little Pisket meadow, which lyeth joining to part of Wild Cat meadow, and a little piece of swamp at the North corner of the meadow, to qualify the meadow; also ½ acre more at the North end of his House Lot, also one acre esteemed ½ an acre of meadow, at the North West corner. This Lot (No. 10.) is now in the possession of Daniel Garfield, Jan. 27, 1729.

Lot No. 11, Granted to Daniel Rand, Dec. 30, 1718.

This eleventh House Lot in Shrewsbury, contains in it 62 acres and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and is situated on the West of Great Bummit meadow, bounded Northerly on Robbins' farm, otherways by common land, except where it touches said Bummit; he hath for a division of meadow six acres called Nipnap meadow, bounded Westerly by South Brook, allowance given to the value of one acre and 120 rods, to qualify the meadow. This Lot, No. 11 is now, Jan. 28, 1729, in the possession of Daniel Rand.

Lot No. 12, Granted to Jonathan Loring, Dec. 30, 1718.

This twelfth House Lot in Shrewsbury, contains in it 67 acres, and has a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and is situated near to where Warner formerly improved, bounded Northerly by Hains' old farm, Easterly by the 16th House Lot, otherways by undivided land, he hath for a division of meadow, the 4th Lot of meadow in South Brook meadow, in 2 pieces. This (12th) Lot is now Jan. 28, 1729, in the possession of the heirs of Wm. Blair.

Lot No. 13, Granted to John Crosby, admitted in the room of Daniel How, Dec. 30, 1718.

This thirteenth House Lot in Shrewsbury, contains in it 62 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and is situated on the North end of Boston Hill, bounded Easterly by the town line; he hath for a division of meadow, swamp land and meadow land, esteemed equal to 6 acres of good meadow, and lyeth joining to his House Lot at the Southerly end in two parts, one part lies on both sides of the brook that runs out of Little

Bummit, bounded Southerly by said Bummit meadow, Easterly by his House Lot, the other part bounded Northerly by said Lot and every way. else by upland and stakes in a little pondy Swamp, at the South end. This (13) Lot is now, Jan. 29, 1729, in the possession of John Crosby.

Lot No. 14, Granted to John Brigham, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 14th House Lot in Shrewsbury, contains in it 70 acres, and hath a fifty acre right belonging to it, &c., and lyeth Northerly from the 13th House Lot, and is bounded Northerly by the 15th House Lot, Westerly by Hains' old farm, otherways by undivided land. It hath for a division of meadow, the first Lot in Southbrook meadow, and lies for 5 acres 133 rods, bounded Northerly partly by Hains' old farm, Southerly in part by an island. The other 27 rods is swamp land joining to the South side of his House Lot, which makes up 6 acres of valuable meadow. This lot (14) is now, Jan. 30, 1729, in the possession of Simon Maynard.

Lot No. 15, Granted to Thomas Hapgood, Dec. 30, 1718.

This fifteenth House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 62½ acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and is bounded Westerly by Hains' old farm, Easterly by the town line, Southerly partly by the 14th Lot and partly by common land, Northerly by common land. It hath for a division of meadow the 2d Lot in Southbrook meadow, 5 acres, 55 rods, bounded in part on a little island, and in part on a long island. Also, 105 rods of swamp land on the North side the House Lot on both sides the brook, that runs out of said lot, to make up six acres.

This Lot (15) is now in the possession of Gershom Keyes, Jan. 30, 1729.

Lot No. 16, Granted to John Keyes, Jr., Dec. 30, 1718.

This 16th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 53 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and is bounded Easterly by the town line, Northerly by Hains' old farm, Westerly by the 12th House Lot, and partly by undivided land, Southerly by common land, and lyeth where Mr. Warner formerly improved. He hath for a division of meadow, the third lot in Southbrook meadow, lying in two pieces, one piece 3 acres 45

rods, bounded Westerly by an island and the brook. The most Northerly corner of the other piece, 2 acres 115 rods, is where the horse path goes over the brook.

This lot (No. 16) is now, Jan. 31, 1729, in the possession of Daniel Barns.

Lot No. 17, Granted to Moses Newton, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 17th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 59 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and is situated East from Ashans hill, and is bounded Easterly by the town line, Westerly by the 18th House Lot, Southerly and Northerly by undivided land. The swamp within the Lot is esteemed as 2½ acres of valuable meadow. He hath to make up his division of meadow, 3½ acres of meadow and swamp near the South East part of Rocky Pond. This Lot (17) is now, Jan. 31, 1729, in the possession of Aaron Newton.

Lot No. 18, Granted to John Shattuck, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 18th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 58 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, and is situate at the East side of Ashans Hill, bounded Easterly by the 17th lot, every other way by undivided land. The swamp land within the Lot esteemed sufficient for his division of meadow, six acres. This Lot (18) is now, Feb. 3, 1729, in possession of Joseph Biglow.

Lot No. 19, Granted to James Keyes, Sen., admitted in the room of Elias Keyes, Dec. 31, 1718.

This 19th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 65 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and is bounded every way by undivided land, and lies East of Mr. Rawson's farm on both sides of the brook, that runs out of said farm. He hath for a division of meadow six acres, as it lyeth in three pieces; one piece betwixt said Lot and Rawson's farm, 3 acres 154 rods, another piece on the East side the gulf, 1 acre; the other piece, 1 acre and 6 rods, lyeth near South brook meadow, at the upper end of a swamp, that runs down to some part of said brook meadow. This Lot (19) is now, Feb. 3, 1730, in the possession of James Keyes, Jr.

Lot No. 20, Granted for a School Lot in Shrewsbury, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 20th Lot, at first laying out, was numbered forty-three, but by order of the Courts Committee is No. 20, which contains n it 69½ acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c. This 20th Lot lyeth at Rockie Pond, and is every way bounded by undivided land; its division of meadow is, within the Lot, 6 acres.

Lot 21, Granted to Peter Smith, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 21st House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 69½ acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., bounded Northerly by Mr. Rawson's farm, Westerly by the Minister's Lot, (No. 22,) otherways by undivided land. The swamp within the Lot is esteemed sufficient for his meadow, 6 acres. This (21) Lot is now, Feb. 4, 1729, in the possession of Peter Smith.

Lot No. 22, Granted to the first settled minister in Shrewsbury, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 22d Lot has a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c.; this Lot was ordered to be made up to the full of 90 acres, and it is betwixt Haynes' old farm and Rawson's farm, bounded Southerly by Haynes' farm, Easterly partly by the common and partly by the 21st House Lot, Northerly by or near said Rawson's farm, Westerly by the 23d House Lot. The whole of this Lot contains 83 acres, as was surveyed, Sept. 18, 1729, by order of the Proprietors. Mr. Cushing had for a division of meadow, so much as was deemed equivalent to 6 acres of valuable meadow; it lyeth in 2 pieces, one piece at the West end of Pine Swamp, bounded Southerly by meadow or Rawson's farm, every other way by common land, 5 acres; the other piece lyeth near the North West corner of Rawson's farm, and is called Boe meadow, bounded every way by common land, except at the Northerly end, where the water runs out of said meadow. This 22d Lot is now, April 17, 1730, in the possession of the Rev. Mr. Job Cushing, the first settled minister in Shrewsbury.

Lot No. 23, Granted to Jotham Brigham, admitted in the room of Asa Bowker, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 23d House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 70½ acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., bounded Easterly by the Minister's Lot, (No. 22,) otherways by undivided land.

The lines begin at Rawson's farm line, then South 158 rods, thence South 73° W. 80 rods, then N. 10° W. 71 rods, thence N. 39° E. 142 rods to Rawson's farm, where it began, at a heap of stones. He hath for a division of meadow, 6 acres at the South end of the Pine Swamp, called Mallagasco Swamp.*

This 23d Lot is (4th Feb. 1729) in the possession of Thomas Hall.

Lot No. 24, Granted to Thomas Hall, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 24th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 70 acres, and a 50 acre right belongs to it, &c., bounded Westerly by Judge Sewell's farm, otherways by undivided land. The swamp within the Lot esteemed sufficient for his division of meadow, 6 acres. This 24th Lot is now, Feb. 8, 1729, in the possession of Eleazer Rice.

Lot No. 25, Granted to George Brown, for his son Josiah Brown, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 25th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 70 acres, and a 50 acre right belongs to it, &c., and lyeth on both sides of the West point of Brigham's farm, bounded Southerly by the 38th House Lot, and otherways by said farm and common land. For division of meadow he hath one acre allowed him in his House Lot, 2 acres more in a little swamp, a little distance from the South side of his House Lot, 3 acres toward the Southerly end of the meadow, known by the name of Muddy Meadow. This 25th Lot is, Feb. 13, 1729, in the possession of Elisha Mainard.

Lot No. 26, Granted to Samuel Crosby, in room of Jeremiah Holeman, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 26th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 73 acres, and a 50 acre right belongs to it, &c., and lyeth near the West bounds of Hains' old farm, bounded every way by undivided land, except where it joins to the 44th House Lot. The meadow and swamp within the Lot is sufficient for his division of meadow, 6 acres. This 26th Lot is now, Feb. 10, 1729, in the possession of Samuel Wheelock, Sen.

* Lies Easterly of Boylston meeting house.

Lot No. 27, Granted to Thomas Gleason, admitted in the room of Ephraim Curtice, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 27th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 70 acres, and has a 50 acre right belonging to it, and lyeth at the South end of the Hill, known by the name of Smith Hill, bounded Westerly by the town line, otherways by undivided land. This Lot (27) is, Feb. 11, 1729, in the possession of Isaac Millar.

Lot No. 28, Granted to John Wheeler, Sen. Dec. 30, 1718.

This 28th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 60 acres, and hath a 50 acre Lot belonging to it, &c., and is the Southerly Lot at Spring Garden,* and bounded North Easterly by the 35th House Lot, otherways by undivided land. He hath for division of meadow three pieces; one piece, 3 acres, 57 rods, lyeth East from his Lot; another piece, joining to the East side of his Lot, and is a long strip of swamp, bounded Westerly by said Lot, every way else by rocks and upland; another lyeth at the South West corner of his Lot, and is bounded mostly by rocks. This Lot, No. 28, is now in the possession of Thomas Keyes, Feb. 11, 1729.

Lot No. 29, Granted to John Gates, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 29th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 70 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and lyeth joining to Mr. Davenport's 50 acres, bounded Northerly partly by said 50 acres and partly by undivided land, Westerly by Worcester line, Southerly bycommon land, Easterly by the 30th House Lot.

This Lot, No. 29, is now, Dec. 2, 1734, in the possession of Hezekiah Gates.

Lot No. 30, Granted to the ministry in Shrewsbury, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 30th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 70 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, and is one of the most Northerly Lots; bounded Westerly by the 29th House Lot, Northerly by part of Davenport's 50 acres, every way else by undivided land. There is set out for this 30th Lot entervale and swamp land equivalent to 6 acres of meadow. It lyeth near the North end of Davenport's farm.

* In Boylston, near the brook that crosses the road leading from Shrewsbury to Boylston, sometimes called Spring Garden Brook.

This Lot was entered on the record, Feb. 2, 1730, J. Keyes, P. Clerk.

Lot No. 31, Granted to Eleazer Rice, admitted in the room of James Keyes, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 31st House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 70 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging thereto, and lyeth on the North side of Rutland first road, bounded Northerly by the 32d House Lot, otherways by undivided land, and the pretended Malden farm.* In his Lot are 4 acres of valuable meadow. For the remainder of his division of meadow, he hath 2 acres in the meadow, known by the name of Muddy Meadow, and bounded by George Brown's meadow Lot, and by the meadow Lot of Richard Temple. This Lot, No. 31, is now, Feb. 2, 1730, in the possession of Eleazer Rice.

Lot No. 32, Granted to James Gleazen, admitted in the room of Wm. Taylor, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 32d House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 70 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and lyeth at the North West angle of the pretended Malden farm, bounded Easterly partly by said pretended farm, and partly by common land, Southerly by the 31st House Lot, partly, and otherways by undivided land. He hath, for his division of meadow, the 7th and last Lot in Muddy Meadow, and lies for 6 acres, be it more or less.

This 32d Lot is now, Feb. 12, 1729, in the possession of the heirs of Daniel Child.

Lot No. 33, Granted to Jacob Hinds, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 33d House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 60 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and lyeth near the South East angle of the ministerial Lot, and is bounded every way by undivided land. He hath for his division of meadow the sixth Lot in Muddy Meadow. This Lot, No. 33, is now, Feb. 12, 1729, in the possession of Jacob Hinds.

* The Malden farm consisted of 900 acres, granted by the General Court, in 1665, to the Church in Malden, and was situated in the North West part of Shrewsbury, and the South West part of Boylston. The Proprietors disputed the Malden title for many years, it is believed unsuccessfully, but how it was settled is not known.

Lot No. 34, Granted to David Hains, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 34th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 70 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and lyeth at the North East corner of the pretended Malden farm, and bounded Westerly by said farm, otherways by undivided land. For a division of meadow, he hath 3 acres allowed within said Lot. The other 3 acres lie joining the North West angle of said Lot. This Lot, No. 34, is now, Feb. 17, 1729, in the possession of Isaac Temple.

Lot No. 35, Granted to Gershom Keyes, in the room of Capt. Hopestill Brown, Dec. 30, 1718.

The 35th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 52 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and is the 2d Lot at Spring Garden, bounded South Westerly by the 28th House Lot, North Easterly by the 45th House Lot, otherways by undivided land. He hath for a division of meadow the Southerly part of a little pine swamp, esteemed equivalent to 6 acres of meadow. This Lot, No. 35, is now, Feb. 17, 1729, in the possession of Thomas Keyes.

Lot No. 36, Granted to Sam'l Brigham, admitted in the room of Gershom Wheelock, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 36th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 70 acres, 2 acres whereof is allowed for so much for his division of meadow, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and lyeth on both sides of Mallagasco brook, bounded every way by undivided land. He hath for the remainder of his division of meadow, 4 acres of meadow lying in the South West corner of Mallagasco swamp, by meadow Lot of Jotham Brigham. This Lot, No. 36, is now, Feb. 19, 1729, in the possession of Gershom Flagg.

Lot No. 37, Granted to Richard Temple, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 37th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 70 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and lyeth on the East of Muddy Meadow, and bounded every way by undivided land. His division of meadow is the 5th Lot in Muddy Meadow, 6 acres. This Lot, No. 37, is now, Feb. 19, 1729, in the possession of Richard Temple.

Lot No. 38, Granted to Abial Bush, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 38th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 60 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, and is bounded Westerly by the 43d Lot, Northerly partly by the 25th Lot, every way else by undivided land. He hath for a division of meadow, 6 acres, one acre thereof lies within his House Lot, the other five is the 2d Lot in Muddy Meadow. This Lot, No. 38, is now, Feb. 19, 1729, in the possession of John Bush, the son of the said Abial.

Lot No. 39, Granted to John Wheeler, Jr., Dec. 30, 1718.

This 39th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 60 acres, with a division meadow, 6 acres, within said Lot, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and lyeth adjoining to the South line of Mr. Davenport's farm, bounded Northerly by said farm and Lancaster town line. This Lot, No. 39, is now, Feb. 20, 1729, in the possession of Simon Stone.

Lot No. 40, Granted to Capt. Joshua Hains, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 40th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 66 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., six acres within said Lot. He hath for a division of meadow, 6 acres. This Lot lyes North Westerly from Brigham's farm, and bounded every way by undivided land. This Lot, No. 40, is in possession, Feb 20, 1729, of Sarah Taylor.

Lot No. 41, Granted to Caleb Rice, admitted in room of Sam'l Wheelock, Sen., Dec. 30, 1718.

This 41st House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 60 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and is bounded every way by undivided land. He hath for his division of meadow swamp, some part of it in his House Lot, to the value of an acre and a half, another piece joining to the South end of his Lot, valued at 3½ acres, which piece runs Southerly betwixt the ledges of rocks, another piece of 2 acres, a little distance Westerly from his House Lot, is to make up his division, 6 acres. This Lot, No. 41, is now, Feb. 21, 1729, in the possession of Daniel Hastings.

Lot No. 42, Granted to John Keyes, Sen. Dec. 30, 1718.

This 42d House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 66 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, and lyeth joining to the

South line of Brigham's farm, and bounded every other way by undivided land. He hath for a division of meadow, swamp and meadow to the value of six acres, lying North Easterly from his House Lot, and is a crooked piece, bounded mostly by upland, as may be seen where the brook runs out of the meadow. This Lot, No. 42, is now, Feb. 28, 1729, in the possession of John Keyes, Sen.

Lot No. 43, Granted to Eleazer Taylor, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 43d House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 53 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., and joins to the Westerly end of the 38th House Lot, bounded every way by common land. He hath for a division of meadow ten acres of swamp land in the North part of Mallagasco Swamp, esteemed equal to 6 acres of meadow. This Lot, No. 43, is now, 28 Feb., 1729, in the possession of Eleazer Taylor.

Lot No. 44, Granted to William Johnson, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 44th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 67 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, and lyeth in two pieces, the greater part lyeth joining to the West side of the 26th House Lot, and is bounded Easterly by said Lot, and by common land every way else. This 44th Lot is now in possession of Jonathan Foster and Ephr. Pratt.

Lot No. 45, Granted to Thomas Keyes, Dec. 30, 1718.

This 45th House Lot in Shrewsbury contains in it 70 acres, and hath a 50 acre right belonging to it, &c., the swamp land and meadow within the Lot, and about half an acre without the Lot, joining to said Lot at the North corner, is esteemed sufficient for his division of meadow. This 45th Lot lyeth adjoining to the North line of the 35th House Lot, bounded all other ways by common land. This Lot, No. 45, is now in possession of Henry Keyes, Feb. 28, 1729.

"The Committee's Farm," so called, was a grant made by the Proprietors, as a compensation to the Committee, viz: Jonathan Remington, Samuel Thaxter, and Francis Fullam, appointed by the General Court, "to settle the town of Shrewsbury."

The grant was made at a Proprietor's meeting, holden on the 28th of March, 1722, and contained in it 1500 acres, described

and bounded, as appears of record, as follows, beginning at the Northern most end of the township of said Shrewsbury, at a heap of stones laid by the edge of the river, thence running by marks 34° West, 30′ South, to a heap of stones on Worcester town line, from thence turning and running upon North and by West line upon Worcester line, to a white oak tree marked, which is the bound corner to [of] Worcester, to [of] Rutland, and to [of] Shrewsbury; from thence running upon North point, 56° East, by a line of marked trees to Nashua river, to an ash tree, 380 rods; thence, turning and running Southerly, and bounding on said river, to the heap of stones first mentioned.

The undivided lands were disposed of at subsequent periods by the Proprietors, and called second, third, fourth, and fifth division lands, with the exception of some small parcels taken up by individuals, and afterwards confirmed to them.

Lands were laid out at divers times, to sundry persons, in right of the several House Lots, &c. I extract the following, relating thereto, omitting, in most instances, for want of room, the quantity, description, and bounds of the land.

LANDS LAID OUT, &c. &c.

1721. "To William Taylor, 5 acres, 24 rods of land in Shrewsbury, on the Pine Plain, Westerly of the farm, called Haines, and begins Southerly of and adjoining the County road. This was granted to William Taylor for satisfaction for 15 acres of land which the said Taylor has alienated to the Proprietors of Shrewsbury, for to build a meeting house upon."

1723. To Solomon Johnson, in right of 34th House Lot.

1724. To Dea. Caleb Rice, " " 41st " "

1725. Granted to Thomas Hall, seven acres of land lying North-Westerly from his house, for money due him for sweeping the meeting house in Shrewsbury, for a year and a

half last past, being the sum of one pound eight shillings.

[It is said his house was where the late Henry Snow, Esq. lived.]

1728. To. Elnathan Allen. in right of 9th House Lot.

There was a saw mill below the 40th House Lot, then in the possession of widow Sarah Taylor. Isaac Temple and Eleazer Taylor claimed each of them a piece of land laid out between the House Lot and the Mill. The Proprietors adjudged it to Isaac Temple.

Joseph Bigelow on petition had the road by his house altered, so to go outside of his fence.

The clay ground, laid out for the use of the Proprietors, was a little Southerly of the saw mill, at the North part of the town.

1729. Eleazer Rice's *saw mill* meadow was about being divided.

Also, common land, on *Smith hill*.

Law suit about Malden farm. so called.

1730. To John Sherman, in right of 10th House Lot, 3 acres South of his own land.

" To Reuben Maynard. in right of 4th Lot. land by Croutch's.

" To John Fay, Jr., in right of 2d Lot, land by William Nurse.

" To Asa Bouker, in right of 28th Lot.

" To Gershom Brigham, in right of 26th Lot.

" To Ephraim Pratt, in right of 44th Lot.

1732. To Peter Smith, in right of 21st Lot.

" To John Crosby, in right of 44th Lot.

1736. To Cyprian Keyes, in right of 14th and 6th Lots.

" To Zebadiah Johnson, in right of 36th Lot.

" Thomas Hapgood and Solo. Johnson both pitch on one platt. at Goose pond.

" Voted, May 24th, 25 shillings tax on each House Lot, to defray Court charges, in defending the Proprietors against Malden men.

Voted, 35 shillings to Isaac Temple, 25 do. to John Bush, for services done in attending the Inferior Court, about Malden farm.

1737. To Eli Keyes, in right of 44th House Lot.

1743. To Daniel Garfield, in right of 10th House Lot.
1744. To Aaron Newton, in right of 17th House Lot.
" To John Bouker, in right of 32d House Lot.
1744. To Cyprian Keyes, in right of 45th House Lot.
1745. To Ephraim Smith, in right of 19th House Lot.
1747. To Elijah Rice, in right of 14th House Lot.
" To Dea. Samuel Miles, in right of 7th Lot.
He was of Concord, 1746.
" To Daniel Howe, in right of 13th House Lot.
1748. To the heirs of Simeon Stone, in right of 39th House Lot.
" John Crawford, saying he is an inhabitant of the town, and living near Rocky pond, petitions to have the boggy land, at the Southerly end of the pond, granted to him; whereupon the Proprietors grant him, his heirs, &c., all the bogs and quagglings round the pond, called Rocky pond, in the 2d precinct, which have not been laid out to any other person, with all the bottom they can gain by draining said pond without damnifying owners of the lands joining to said pond.
1748. Moses Hastings asks for half an acre of land where his barn stands, (afterwards Rev. Dr. Sumners, and stood South side the County road.)
1749. Daniel Howe, chosen to manage in the law against Malden.
1750. To Timothy Whitney, in right of 20th House Lot.
1754. To Elijah Rice, in right of 44th House Lot.
1763. To Bezaleet Maynard, in right of 25th House Lot.
1764. To Josiah Rice, in right of 41st House Lot.
1765. To Dea. Cyprian Keyes, in right of 45th House Lot.
" To Dea. Jona. Keyes, in right of 45th House Lot.
" To Eli Keyes, Jr., in right of 17th and 42d do.
" To Elisha Newton, in right of 17th House Lot, next his own land.
1766. To David Taylor, in right of 9th House Lot.
" Dea. Jona. Livermore assisted, as Surveyor, in looking up the bounds of the meeting house lands.
1763. To Jonathan Green, in right of 20th House Lot.

1765. Oct. 25. Jonas Holland writes from Petersham to the Proprietors, saying he had land laid out to him in right of the 32d Lot, years ago; that the right belonged to
1765. Eleazer Taylor, of which he was to have had a deed, but before he got it, Taylor died, and as he had not paid any thing for the right or land laid out, it remained the property of Taylor's heirs.
1769. To Jona. Green, in right of 20th House Lot.
" To John Hastings, in right of 14th House Lot.
1770. David Child disclaims on 10th and 15th Lots.
1772. Reuben Maynard, in right of 4th Lot.
1789. Capt. Jos. Bigelow, Moderator, and many years following—the last time, 1801.
1792. To Jonathan Child, in right of 3d Lot.
1795. To Oliver Glazeir, in right of 17th Lot.
" To Daniel and Moses Nurse, in right of 3d Lot, and to same, 1798, 3d Lot.
1796. Voted, To procure a new book, that the old one may be drafted.
1797. Voted, 44 dollars, for to defray the charges of the new book and drafting.

But little business seems to have been transacted at the Proprietors' meetings, for many years prior to 1797. They held their last meeting on the 27th of May, 1811. Agreeably to an early vote, that, when they should cease to hold meetings, their book of records should be deposited with the Town Clerk, the original book has been recently obtained and deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Shrewsbury. The copy, if there is one, is in other hands.

John Keyes, Sen., who had for a long series of years (I believe from the beginning) been Proprietors' Clerk, ceased to be such, after the 17th May, 1749, probably, by death, of which there is no mention on the town records.

Cyprian Keyes was chosen Clerk, 17th May, 1749, and died in 1753. Artemas Ward chosen, 1753. Job Cushing, in 1779, and thanks voted to Artemas Ward, for services as Clerk. Col.

Cushing died in 1808, and Col. Jotham Bush, of Boylston, succeeded him in that office. He was the last Clerk, and the Rev. Dr. Sumner the last Moderator.

To many, the foregoing details may not be interesting, but not so to all. They call to mind the names of the founders of the town, of whom, and of many incidents of that period, our fathers have so often told us.

They exhibit particulars (few and brief, to be sure, and necessarily so here) of their public transactions, at different periods, for nearly one hundred years. It is on these that the town was built, and it is on them the foundation of its history in all coming time must rest.

We see what is around us, and naturally desire to see both ends of what we look at. Thus should we *mentally* look upon a village or a town. Each of them had a beginning, and *that beginning* is one of the ends, the *other end* is with *us*, day by day, while we live.

If we reflect upon the circumstances of *beginning* a new settlement, the hardships and privations of its founders, we shall better appreciate the fruits of their labor, while we enjoy them, and feel a stronger inducement to increase their number and value, and pass them on to generations yet to come.

HISTORICAL EXTRACTS

AND

MISCELLANEOUS MEMORANDA.

The Township was incorporated by the name of Shrewsbury, with all the powers, privileges and immunities of other towns, on the 15th of December, 1727; ten years after it was granted as a township.

The inhabitants, in their petition for incorporation, did not ask for a name, and on what account, and under what circumstances, it took its *name*, does not appear of record. Probably it was so called by the Proprietors, soon after the grant, from a town of that name in England, whence some of their ancestors came, when they left their native land.

In their petition to the General Court for corporate powers and privileges, they call themselves "inhabitants of Shrewsbury;" as such they were recognized by the General Court, and their petition granted. Clippings and parings from the original town, have been made at sundry times.

In 1741, Ebenezer Cutler, Obadiah Newton, Noah Brooks, and David Reed, were set off, with their farms, and annexed to Grafton. In 1768, William Whitney, Zachariah Eager, Jonathan Foster, Zachariah Harvey, Edward Newton, Samuel Newton, Ezekiel Newton, and Daniel Wheelock, with others, and all the lands in the North part of the town, lying on the North side of Quinepoxit river, and between the towns of Lancaster and Holden, were set off from this town, and annexed to Lancaster;

that tract was then known by the name of "the *Leg*," and has since become a part of Sterling.

In 1762, William Nurse, and others,* living in the South East corner of the town, known as "the *Shoe*," and "Nurse's corner," were set off, with their estates, and annexed to Westboro'. Where the *foot* was, does not now appear, nor how the *shoe* came to be so far from the *leg*.

In 1786, the North part of the town, then the Second Parish, or Precinct, was set off, and incorporated, by the name of Boylston.

In 1793, Elijah Whitney, and his farm, were set off and annexed to Westboro'; and in 1826, Tarrant Merriam, with his farm, was set off to Grafton.

Daniel Wheelock, of this town, of whose family, if he had any, there is no account of birth or death, nor of his own, on the town record, appears to have died previous to 1759, as in that year Ebenezer Keyes was acting as his administrator.

Land near the school house, in the "*Leg*," was, prior to 1760, devoted to a burying place. Daniel Bixby, Ephraim Boyenton, and Jonathan Foster lived in that neighborhood.

In 1760 a road was laid out from the county road by Ephraim Wheeler's house to George Bush's house, through land of widow Sarah Eager, and widow Sarah Maynard. Sarah Eager was the widow of Capt. Benjamin Eager, who lived and died, where Mr. Joseph Nurse now lives, and whose remains, it is said, were removed from the house through a window, taken out for that purpose. So great was his corpulency, his coffin could not be passed through the door-way. He died June 21, 1759, aged 44. Sarah Maynard was the widow of Samuel, who was the father of the late Daniel Maynard. He died May 28, 1755, aged 28.

Highway Surveyors, 1760.—"Isaac Miller above the pond," (North of the road leading to Worcester, and above the pond, might be seen, a few years since, the vestiges of his cellar,) "Simon Maynard, Nathaniel Ball, for Nurse's corner, Eleazer

* Eleazer Pratt, widow Sarah Smith, Daniel Nurse, and the heirs of Reuben Maynard, deceased. Also, the land of Benjamin Fay and Moses Nurse, (of Westboro',) lying in the *Shoe* in Shrewsbury.

Rice, John Drury, Edward Newton, Aaron Newton, Samuel Holland, and Daniel Whitney." Eleazer Rice, to repair the road leading from Samuel Whitney's, by Capt. Mixer's and Enos Goodale's, to Samuel Bigelow's ; and the road from said Bigelow's to Grafton line, and the road leading from his own house to Mr. Potter's.

John Drury to repair the road from his own house to the old Meeting House, and the road from the 2d Parish by Capt. Wheelock's to said Meeting House, and all the roads East of the road leading from the 2d Parish, and North of the county road in the First Parish.

Aaron Newton was to repair roads by Nathaniel Davenport's, Daniel Child's, Lt. Bigelow's and Amariah Bigelow's.

Samuel Holland to repair roads by Jotham Bush's, Jonathan Cutting's and Jonas Ward's."

Daniel Whitney's District was in the 2d Parish, towards Lancaster.

I have extracted the above relating to the highway surveyors for two reasons : first, it shows in what part of the town some of them and other inhabitants then lived ; and secondly, because the record shows, that all those, named as highway surveyors, were living in 1760 — yet the death of no one of them is to be found on the town record. Extraordinary, as this may seem, it is but a specimen of the neglect, that prevailed more or less from the first settlement of the town to a late period, to cause deaths to be entered on the town record.

In 1828 my attention was drawn to the fact, that, in the early records, the deaths of several people were to be found intermixed with the record of town proceedings, and no where else ; and that the record itself was very deficient, as regarded deaths, many of which were within my recollection ; I went to the Burying place and, with the record by me, examined every monument there erected to the memory of the dead on which there was an inscription, and took an account of all not on record ; but many of the dead having no monuments then erected, and, knowing of some, of whom I could find no account there, I was induced to make inquiry in several families on that subject, whereby I ob-

tained an account of the deaths and ages of many others, and having first copied them all, including those on record, entered them in alphabetical order in a book provided for that purpose, together with all the publishments, marriages and births, that were previously on record, some of them scattered through many books, and the record so mutilated that some of the names could not be made out — while some others were ascertained with much difficulty. The whole number of deaths thus added to the record was 188, that occurred previous to 1821 — the whole number previously on record was only 475, and of these 8 are recorded as having taken place before the incorporation of the town in 1727; leaving 467 as having occurred in the 93 succeeding years, averaging but 5 per year — which in all probability, was double that number during that period — nor was the duty of having births entered upon the town record better regarded.

How many have come into the world, raised up families, and performed the part allotted them, and then departed without there being a record made of their having gone, or even *come!* less than *that* is not done for the beasts of the field, so far as it regards the time of their *coming* and *going* — instances have occurred, where *more* has been done for them in this respect, than for the family of the owner, as has appeared by the interleaved almanacks of some, who have kept a record of the one, while the records of the town furnish no evidence of the other.

So prevalent has become the neglect of procuring births and deaths to be recorded, that it seems to have given birth to another. Many Clergymen have neglected for years, and still neglect to make a return of the *marriages* they have solemnized! thus striking at the foundation of society and exposing innocent persons to severe punishment — the record is evidence of the marriage — but the clergyman, solemnizing the marriage, makes no return, though by law, required to do it — he is dismissed, and perhaps removes no one knows where; taking with him his records, if he keeps any, or dies, and then they pass into other hands and are lost.

Some one, to gratify a malevolent disposition complains to the public authorities, that A. B. and C. D. are living as man and wife, without having been married — the accused are arrested,

no evidence of marriage can be found, for the officiating clergyman is sometimes the only witness — what are they to do? what can they do? if nothing worse, they must at least endure suffering and shame for *his* neglect; what might be the consequences to their children, needs not be stated here — *this is not altogether an imaginary case* — perhaps some magistrates have been equally culpable of neglect in this particular.

If heavy penalties are necessary to enforce obedience in the discharge of a public duty, let them be applied, and the community will say, Amen.

1761, Bezalael Eager and Jacob Rice, Selectmen of Westborough, and Cyprian Keyes and Daniel Hastings, Selectmen of Shrewsbury, renewed town bounds.

Capt. Nathaniel Allen was refunded in 1761 what he paid for his Poll Tax in 1757.

Also in 1761, the town refunded what the following persons were taxed too much for their money at interest, in 1758 and 9.

	Taxed in 1758.			Refunded.			Taxed in 1759.			Refunded.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Capt. Nathaniel Allen,	3	13	4	0	14	8	4	8	0	0	18	4
Samuel Bigelow, Jr.,	0	1	6	0	0	3	0	1	11	0	0	5
Jabez Dodge,	1	16	8	0	7	4	2	4	0	0	9	2
Moses Garfield,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	0	6
Joseph Knowlton, Jr.,	0	2	8	0	0	6	0	3	4	0	0	8
Abraham Knowlton,	0	7	1	0	1	4	0	10	8	0	1	9
William Brewer, Jr.,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	0	6
Thomas Baker,	1	7	6	0	5	6	0	8	10	0	1	9
Jotham Howe,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	1	0
John Keyes, Esq.,	0	18	5	0	3	8	1	2	0	0	4	7
Daniel Rand,	0	16	11	0	3	4	1	3	4	0	4	10
Isaac Stone,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	1	1
William Taylor,	1	9	5	0	5	10	1	9	4	0	6	2
Paul Wheelock,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	7	0	3	2
Jotham Flagg,	1	7	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aaron Newton,	0.	10	11	0	2	2	0	11	10	0	2	6
Abial Stone,	0	4	8	0	1	0	0	11	0	0	2	3
Ezra Beaman,	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	7
Jotham Bush,	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	7
Sarah Goodale,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	2	0
Cyprian Keyes, Jr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	1	1
Micah Hathan,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	10	0	2	6
Edward Raymond,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	8	0	3	0
Jonathan Wheelock,	0	4	5	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lemuel Kendrick,	0	2	8	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joel Whittemore,	0	17	7	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0

To the Selectmen,

I took into my house, Oct. 1, 1761, Sally Howe, 16 years of age — last from Princeton — her mother is dead — I think her father will take good care of her — she is lame, and cannot walk without crutches — what her portion of dower will be, I am unable to determine at present.

CYPRIAN KEYES.

He must have been a wizzard, if he could, inasmuch as she had never been married.

1762, laid out a road by land in possession of Silas Witherbee, on the North line of the 45th House Lot, now in possession of Joshua Townsend, and runs by the Rev. Mr. Morse's and John Keyes' land.

1764. John Crawford, Antipass Bowker, Asa Harris, Phillip Munroe, Joseph Bigelow, Stephen Hastings, Levi Goodenow, Charles Bigelow, William Crawford, Jonathan Wheelock and Elijah Rice petition to draw the money they pay for a school, to provide one for themselves. They lived in and near "*the Leg.*"

1766. This year the 2d Meeting House in the First Parish was built, and at a town meeting to make preparations for raising it,

"Voted, To send to Boston for a barrel of rum!"

1774. At a town meeting in September,

Voted, To purchase an iron field piece and ammunition for the same at the expense, and for the use of the town — it was speedily procured, and if never used against an enemy, it served by its thunders to rouse the people and rally them for the coming conflict.

That being over and ended, it was brought out occasionally to announce festivities and give a zest to public rejoicings.

At length, on a public occasion, it was required to speak the enthusiasm of the bystanders in a more audible voice than it was wont to do. To produce so gratifying a result, it was *generously crammed* with powder, and wadded with green grass, most thoroughly rammed in, until it could take no more; and thus, with an overloaded stomach, required to *speak*. It manifested no dispo-

position to disappoint its audience, already impatient for *bellowing oratory*, but rather to gratify them again, as it oft had done of old, for the honor conferred by being made their *speaker* — it accordingly made an effort and went off..... at the other end!

I have met with an epitaph, said to have been written on the occasion, of which the following is a copy.

"Alas! poor Gun!
That all for fun,
We bid thee speak,
When loaded to the muzzle.
Obedient, but weak,
Thou did'st thy best,
And for the rest,
Left us without a puzzle!"

Meaning, we suppose, that they were at no loss to account for what had happened.

1774, at the town meeting last above mentioned,

"Voted, To have two companies of militia, or training soldiers in the South Parish — accordingly the inhabitants present, having divided into two parts, chose the following persons as officers to each company.

First company, Mr. Job Cushing, Captain, Nathan Howe and Jasper Stone, Lieutenants, Isaac Drury, Ensign — for the second company were chosen Mr. Asa Brigham, Captain, Isaac Harrington and Nathaniel Munroe, Lieutenants, and Samuel Noyes, Ensign. The 2d Parish had previously chosen their officers — viz. Ezra Beaman, Captain, Ephraim Beaman and Jonathan Fassett, Lieutenants, and Solomon Bigelow, Ensign."

This was the commencement of there being two companies of militia in the territory now comprising the town. There continued to be two companies for about 50 years, when the South company was disbanded for the reason, that a Rifle company, organized in the town, had by enlistments so diminished the standing companies as to make it expedient, there should be but one.

The officers of the two companies were chosen by the *people* in conformity to a recommendation of the Provincial Congress — previously all military officers were appointed and commissioned by the Governor, and their commissions revoked at his pleasure.

But the day of Freedom had began to dawn. The people took the appointing power into their own hands. The Provincial Congress recommended the formation of companies, and the division of extensive Regiments, whose officers were to be chosen by company officers, as has ever since been the practice regulated by law.

1774, Dec. 27, "Voted unanimously to adopt the association (relative to non-importation and non-consumption of British goods) recommended by the Continental Congress, and the recommendations of the Provincial Congress of the 5th of Dec., 1774; and in order to see the same carried into vigorous execution, the following persons are chosen a Committee of *inspection:* viz. Phineas Heywood, Job Cushing, Isaac Temple, Ross Wyman, Cyprian Keyes, Ezra Beaman, Daniel Hemenway, Asa Brigham, Isaac Harrington, Amariah Bigelow, Samuel Crosby, Thomas Symms, John Hastings, David Taylor, and Jonas Stone — five to make a quorum."

"Voted, That the Collectors of taxes be prohibited from paying the outstanding monies in their hands to Harrison Gray, Esq., Treasurer, but that they pay the same to Henry Gardner, Esq. of Stow — then,

"Voted, To indemnify the Collectors for so doing."

Voted, To indemnify the assessors of this town for not assessing the Province tax, and for neglecting to return a certificate thereof to Harrison Gray, as by law required."

Granted to the Hon. Artemas Ward £11 10 0, to pay him for his services in attending the Provincial Congress at Concord and Cambridge in 1774.

At a town meeting May 23, 1775, Phineas Heywood was chosen a Delegate to the Provincial Congress, to be holden at Watertown Meeting House the 31st inst. He was excused at his own request, and Daniel Hemenway chosen in his stead.

Voted, That each Parish raise as many men as they can, to hold themselves in readiness to reinforce our army near Boston, if needed, with such officers as the companies shall think proper.

Voted, That Phineas Heywood, Isaac Temple, Edward Flint, Ross Wyman, and Isaac Harrington, be a committee to examine

the Rev. Ebenezer Morse, William Crawford, Jotham Bush, Benjamin Fiske, and Timothy Ross, as being suspected of *Toryism*. Adjourned one week. Then met, and the said Committee brought in the following report, viz:

To us, the subscribers, by the best inquiries and the testimony of what we have had, it appears, that the Rev. Ebenezer Morse has in sundry instances, appeared not to be so friendly to the common cause, as we could wish; but rather, in some instances, unfriendly. That William Crawford appears to be wholly unfriendly to the present opposition of the people to Parliamentary power, and inclines rather to take up arms in defence of the King and Parliament than of the people.

In regard to Jotham Bush, Benjamin Fiske, and Timothy Ross, we have admitted them to sign the association, and recommend to the town to receive them, upon their faithfully promising to do their full and complete proportion of duty to resist and repel the King's troops, &c. The town then

Voted, That the Committee of correspondence forthwith take from said Morse, his arms, ammunition and warlike implements of all kinds, to remain in said Committee's hands for the present; and that the said Morse do not pass over the lines of the 2d Parish in Shrewsbury, on any occasion whatever, without a permit from two or more of the Committee of said precinct.

Voted, That the Committee of correspondence do forthwith take from William Crawford, his arms, ammunition and warlike implements of all kinds, to be lodged in the hands of said Committee for the present; and further,

Voted, That said Crawford shall remain within the bounds of his own land, except on Sabbath days, and then not go out of the Parish in which he lives, unless on those and other days, the Committee give him a permit; this to continue until the town shall further liberate him.

Voted, To accept the acknowledgment of Jotham Bush, Benjamin Fiske, and Timothy Ross, and receive them again into favor.

Soon after the peace of 1763, coming events began to cast their shadows over the land, causing anxiety and alarm, while

through the gloom was seen naught, but impending strife. Our fathers, from their political watch towers, ere its approach, saw the coming tempest, and at once, manfully resolved to *seize* and *guide* the elements, rather than *shelter* themselves from their fury. The crisis soon found them assembled in Provincial Congress, deliberating on the state of the Province, and adopting measures for its defence and safety. There they laid the foundation of those future measures, that led to the downfall of arbitrary power, and resulted in the freedom of the States. Yet but little is *publicly* known, especially by the younger portion of the community, of the preliminary transactions, how they were brought about, the time and place, when and where they were matured, with the attendant circumstances, that led to the emancipation of our country; all of which are yet, and always will be, interesting; and were better known through the community in the lifetime of those, who participated in the work; for with them it was a pleasing and prevailing theme of fireside discourse to their listening children. But, our Fathers! where are they? Gone. And with them, much of the knowledge, which they, and *only they* possessed. Even *they* outlived much of the record of their proceedings. A portion of their journal kept at the time, has been preserved, which, with copies of some of their proceedings, that afterwards found their way into the public prints, with gleanings from old manuscript documents, and other interesting historical matter, relating to the early period of the Revolution, was collated into one volume, and in 1838, 1500 copies printed by order of the Legislature, and distributed among the members of the Court, the Executive and Council, to each of the numerous public offices several copies, and one to each town. So far, well. But it is, to the great body of the people, a *sealed* book — not within their reach, and, its existence, in all probability, not within the knowledge of one in fifty of the voters.

Hence, I have thought a brief account of the three Provincial Congresses, and of some of their proceedings, with some notice of the County Conventions would be interesting to many, and have subjoined the following.

On the first day of September, 1774, Gov. Gage issued precepts to the several towns, requiring them to choose, and return Representatives to the General Court, to be convened at Salem, on the fifth day of October then next; but on the 28th of September, issued a proclamation, declaring his intention not to meet the Legislature at Salem on the fifth of October, on account of the tumults and disorders that had recently taken place, and the extraordinary resolves, that had been passed in several of the County Conventions, and the instructions given to their Representatives by many of the towns; and therein excused and discharged all persons that had been, or might be elected Representatives to serve at that Court from giving their attendance.

Nevertheless, 90 of the Representatives, who did not choose to be thus discharged, assembled at Salem Court House at the time appointed. Having waited through the day for the Governor to attend and administer the customary oaths (more from courtesy than any expectation of his appearance,) they, on the next, formed themselves into a Convention, of which John Hancock was made Chairman, and Benjamin Lincoln, Clerk.

A Committee was then raised to consider the proclamation, and consult on the measures proper to be adopted. The Committee reported on Friday, the 7th, and resolutions with a preamble were adopted, in which the Governor's proclamation and conduct were reviewed, and severely censured. They then resolved themselves into a Provincial Congress, to be joined by such other persons as had been, or might be chosen for that purpose; and adjourned to meet at the Court House in Concord, on the Tuesday following at 10 of the clock in the forenoon. Previous to this the County Conventions had appointed the 2d Tuesday of October, as the time, and Concord, as the place, for holding a Provincial Congress, and delegates thereto had already been chosen in several of the towns, and the election of a full delegation speedily followed.

At the time and place appointed, those who had been elected Representatives, and those elected Delegates, assembled to the number of 293, or rather that was the number deputed, as appears from the roll of their names and the towns they represented.

Those from this town, were Artemas Ward, Representative to the Court, to have been holden at Salem, and Phineas Heywood chosen Delegate to act in conjunction with the Representative.

The next day they adjourned to the Meeting House in Concord, and reconsidered the vote passed at Salem, appointing a *Chairman*, and voted to choose a *President* by written votes. Whereupon, John Hancock was thus chosen President, unanimously. And Benjamin Lincoln appointed *Secretary*.

On Thursday, the 13th, a Committee on the state of the Province, reported an address to the Governor, which was read, accepted and signed by the President, and a Committee of 21 appointed to wait upon the Governor early the next morning, and present the same.

On the 14th they adjourned to meet at the Court House in Cambridge, on Monday next, (17th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Where having met according to adjournment, an answer was received from the Governor to the message to him of the 13th. On the 18th, "Ordered, that the galleries be now cleared, and the doors of the house be kept shut, during the debates of Congress, until the further order thereof."

On the 20th, Committees were appointed on various subjects, one consisting of 13 members, "to consider what is necessary to be now done for the defence and safety of the Province."

A resolve was reported, and accepted on the 14th, "advising the Constables and Collectors of taxes throughout the Province, as to any monies in their hands collected on Province assessment, or any County monies then in their hands, or that might come to them, not to pay the same or any part thereof, to Harrison Gray, Esq., (Treasurer,) but that they take and observe such orders respecting the same as shall be given them by their several towns."

Friday, 21st of October. A preamble, reciting the names of several Counsellors and others, who had acted in obedience to the late act of Parliament, for altering the civil constitution of the Province, was, with several accompanying resolves, read and accepted, and ordered to be printed in all the Boston Newspapers. The first of which reads thus,

"Resolved, That the persons aforesaid, who shall not give satisfaction to this injured Province and Continent, within ten days from the publication of this resolve, by causing to be published in all the Boston newspapers, acknowledgements of their former misconduct and renunciations of the commissions and authority mentioned, ought to be considered as infamous betrayers of their country; and that a Committee of Congress be ordered to cause their names to be published repeatedly, that the inhabitants of this Province, by having them entered on the records of each town, as rebels against the state, may send them down to posterity with the infamy they deserve; and that other parts of America may have an opportunity of stigmatizing them in such way, as shall effectually answer a similar purpose."

By another resolve those who complied with the forgoing requisitions were recommended to favor.

A non-consumption agreement relative to British and India goods, was reported, and accepted — Recommending the total disuse of India teas in this Province; and to the several towns to choose Committees to post up in some public place, the names of all such in their respective towns, who shall sell or consume so extravagant and unnecessary an article of luxury.

23d. A Committee was appointed "to consider and report the most proper time for this Province to provide a stock of powder, ordnance, and ordnance stores, and that they sit forthwith."

The Committee quickly reported, "that, in their opinion, now is the proper time for the Province to procure a stock of powder, ordnance, and ordnance stores."

The next day, a schedule was reported of what they considered necessary to be procured, with an estimate of the expenses. To which was added 5000 arms and bayonets. The estimated cost of the whole was nearly twenty-one thousand pounds.

All matters coming under the consideration of Congress, were to be kept secret, and not be disclosed to any but the members thereof, until further order.

The most important Committee in regard to matters to be considered and reported upon, was that appointed relative to the defence and safety of the Province; and which consisted of 13

members. A number made memorable *then* for the fearlessness and ability displayed in their report, and subsequently more so, as being the number of the States that achieved our national Independence.

The Report of that Committee, consisting of a lengthy preamble, which contains a recital of the grievances under which the Province was suffering, and the dangers to which the liberties and lives of the people were exposed, was accompanied with several resolves, too lengthy for insertion here. Their "report was read, and accepted almost unanimously."

As therein recommended, a Committee of safety was chosen, consisting of nine, three from Boston and six from the Country, by ballot, "Whose business it shall be, most carefully and diligently to inspect and observe all and every such person and persons as shall at any time attempt or enterprise the destruction, invasion, detriment or annoyance of this Province," &c. "The said Committee shall have power, and they are hereby directed, any five of them (only one of the five to be from Boston,) whenever they shall judge it necessary, for the safety and defence of the inhabitants of this Province, or their property, against such person or persons, to alarm, muster, and cause to be assembled with the utmost expedition, and completely armed, accoutred and supplied with provisions sufficient for their support in their march to the place of rendezvous, such and so many of the militia of this Province as they shall judge necessary for the ends aforesaid; and at such place or places, as they shall judge proper, and them to discharge as soon as the safety of the Province shall permit."

"And this body do most earnestly recommend to all the officers and soldiers of the militia in this Province, who shall, from time to time, during the commission of the said Committee of Safety, receive any and all orders from the said Committee, to pay the strictest obedience thereto, as they regard the liberties and lives of themselves and the people of this Province."

A Committee of supplies was also raised, "whose duty it was, upon the assembling of the militia as aforesaid, to procure and furnish provisions for their support, and without delay, from the

monies in the Province Treasury; provide so many cannon and carriages for the same, small arms, and such quantities of ammunition and ordnance stores as they shall judge necessary, not exceeding the value of twenty thousand, eight hundred and thirty seven pounds, and to be deposited in such secure places as the said Committee of Safety shall direct. And that [ ] be, and they hereby are appointed officers to command, lead &c., such of the militia as shall be mustered, &c., by order of the said Committee of Safety, so long as they shall be retained by said Committee; and no longer. Who shall while in the service command in the order they are named." The above blank was filled the next day, with the names of Jedediah Preble, Artemas Ward, and Seth Pomroy, severally elected by ballot. The former did not accept the appointment, or if he did, never appeared to take upon himself the command.

Provision was likewise made for paying the militia, if called out. It was "recommended to the several companies of militia, who have not chosen and appointed officers, that they meet *forthwith*, and elect officers to command their respective companies, and that the officers so chosen, assemble as soon as may be, and where they shall judge the limits of the present regiments too extensive, that they divide them, determine their limits, and proceed to elect field officers to command the respective regiments, and that the field officers forthwith endeavor to enlist one quarter at least, of the respective companies, who shall equip, and hold themselves in readiness, on the shortest notice from the said Committee of Safety, to march &c. Each and every company to choose a Captain and two Lieutenants, to command them," &c.

Henry Gardner of Stow, was elected Receiver General, — whose duty it was, "to receive all such monies, as should be offered to be paid into his hands, to the use of the Province, by the several Constables and Collectors, or other persons, by order of the several towns, and give his receipt for the same."

On the 29th of October, the Congress adjourned to the 23d of November, then to meet at the same place, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; when they again assembled, and continued in session until the 10th day of December following. When the Congress was dissolved by a vote of their own body.

The second Congress was chosen, as recommended by the first, and assembled at Cambridge, Feb. 1st, 1775. They recommended to the Committees of correspondence of the several towns, to inquire into the principles and conduct of *suspected* persons, and cause to be disarmed all such as did not give full and ample assurances of their readiness to join their countrymen on all occasions in defence of the rights and liberties of America.

A commission was prepared, read and accepted, on the 19th of May; and on the 20th, presented by the President to General Artemas Ward, constituting him "Commander in chief of all the forces raised by the Congress aforesaid, for the defence of this and the other American Colonies."

This Congress continued in session until May 29, 1775, when it was dissolved.

Two days after, viz, on the 31st of May, 1775, the *third* Provincial Congress convened at the Meeting House in Watertown, and continued in session until the 19th day of July, 1775, when it was dissolved.

A standing Committee of Safety, with whom was lodged certain powers in the absence of any Congress, co-operated with, and held their meetings, as did also a Committee of Supplies, near the several Congresses, and kept up a constant communication with them, and from time to time received their instructions. Their powers and duties were strictly defined; their duties were arduous in the extreme, and in their fulfilment, required a vigilance, that admitted of no rest day or night.

Possessing little or nothing to do with, but stout hearts, they were suddenly called to provide ways and means to raise, clothe, feed, and equip an army of 13,000 men, and prepare them for immediate action.

Town meetings led to County Conventions, and these to the formation of Provincial Congresses.

The first County Convention was that held at Stockbridge on the 6th day of July, 1774. The others in the following order.

Worcester, at Worcester, August 9th, and continued by adjournment, to the 31st of that month. Middlesex, at Concord, August 30th. Suffolk, at Dedham, September 6th. Essex, at Ipswich,

September 6th. Cumberland, at Falmouth, September 21st. Hampshire, at Northampton, September 22d.; and Plymouth, at Plympton, September 26th.

The Convention at Worcester, among other things, "recommended to the several towns to give it in charge to their Constables and Collectors, *on their peril*, not to pay any public monies to Harrison Gray, Esq., Treasurer of the Province; and that they indemnify them for paying, where the towns should order them to pay." "And that the assessors do not return any lists of assessment to said Gray;" and required the field officers to resign their commissions, and publish their resignations in the Boston newspapers. And,

At an adjournment, chose a Committee to go to the field officers of the County, to know the reason, why they had not resigned their commissions to the Governor, and published their resignations in the Boston newspapers agreeably to a vote of the Convention at a former meeting, and *demand a categorical answer, whether they would comply or not*, and make report." "Recommended to the towns to choose Committees of Inspection, to carry into effect the resolves of the Continental Congress," (that convened at Philadelphia, September 5, 1774,) saying, "we are determined, firmly and religiously, to support and maintain our rights, even to the loss of our lives and fortunes, before we will dastardly and impiously give up and submit to an arbitrary power."

The Convention divided the County into 7 Regiments, specifying the towns, that should compose each, and which underwent but little alterations for 50 years. Southboro', Westboro', Northboro', Shrewsbury, and Grafton, composed the 6th Regiment.

They recommended to the towns to choose as many military officers as were necessary for each town, and those officers then to convene and choose field officers. They also recommended to the towns to indemnify their Constables for neglecting to return to the Court, lists of persons for Jurors.

Under an expectation, that Governor Gage would send troops to Worcester to compel obedience to the Justices of the Supreme Court, then about to hold a session there, and protect them in the

discharge of their duties, the Convention invited the people of the County to be present, to resist them. The troops did not make their appearance, yet the people assembled to the number of six thousand; and the Convention, being in session, "Voted, That the body of the people of this County, now in town, assemble on the common." The companies of the several towns were under officers of their own choosing, and marched in military order. They formed in two lines on the common; and the Royalist Justices, and officers were made to attend, and compelled to pass through the ranks, halting occasionally, to read their declarations of submission to the public will.

On the 21st of September, 1774, a Convention of the Blacksmiths of the County was held at Worcester, and their patriotic proceedings, signed by forty three members, were printed, and distributed through the County. Ross Wyman of Shrewsbury, Chairman. They resolved, that they would not, nor either of them do any blacksmith work for the *tories*, nor for any one in their employ, nor for any one, who had not signed the non-consumption agreement agreed upon, and signed by the Congress at Philadelphia; and requested all denominations of artificers to call meetings of their craftsmen, and adopt like measures. The proceedings of the several conventions were communicated to, and read in the Provincial Congress, which gave free utterance to the combined will of the people, so consonant to their own.

Their *recommendations* and *resolves* were received as *laws duly enacted*, and were enforced with a promptitude and zeal, that nothing could withstand.

This brief and imperfect account shows the then state of public opinion, and with what diligence and energy the master spirits labored to put the Province in a condition to repel aggression; nor was the great body of the people a whit behind them. They seconded their efforts with a zeal and unanimity never known before nor since.

In this Province, legislation under the Crown had ceased, and, as subsequent events proved, had ceased *forever*.

All power, civil and military, was assumed by the people, and by them entrusted to a Provincial Congress, composed, to be sure

of cautious, foreseeing men, distinguished for their intelligence and inflexible patriotism, yet composing a *single* body, without a co-ordinate branch to check imprudent measures, which as a balance wheel, if ever necessary, seemed to be the more so then, as under the influence of feelings highly incensed at their country's wrongs, and impelled to action by an exasperated constituency, they were in eminent danger of being hurried into the adoption of rash and ill judged proceedings. *This* they foresaw. In the meantime, their enemies predicted, that whatever they might do, the mass of the people would desert them on the first shock, and leave them to take care of themselves.

But, under the smiles of a benignant Providence, they weighed well the matters committed to their charge, and, in all their proceedings, exercised that cautious prudence, that was equalled only by their determination, neither to surrender their chartered rights, nor suffer them to be wrested out of their hands.

The Provincial Congress deemed it expedient to invite the Stockbridge Indians to take part with them in the contest; and applied to their chief, Solomon Uhhaunnouwaunet, for his and their services. They sent him a *talk*, which they dressed up in Indian style. His reply was truly indicative of a son of the forest, and shews that *nature*, and not *art*, held the precedence in clothing ideas with words. It was as follows:

"Brothers! we have heard you speak by your letter. We thank you for it. We now make answer."

"Brothers! you remember, when you first came over the great waters, I was great, and you was little, very small. I then took you in for a friend, and kept you under my arms, so that no one might injure you. Since that time, we have ever been true friends; there has never been any quarrel between us.

But now our conditions are changed. You have become great and tall. You reach to the clouds. You are seen all round the world; and I am become small, very little. I am not so high as your heel. Now you take care of me and I look to you for protection."

"Brothers! I am sorry to hear of this great quarrel between you and Old England. It appears that blood must soon be shed

to end this quarrel. We never till this day understood the foundation of this quarrel between you and the country you came from." "Brothers! whenever I see your blood running, you will find me about you to revenge my brother's blood. Although I am low and very small, I will gripe hold of your enemy's heel, that he cannot run so fast and so light, as if he had nothing at his heels."

"Brothers! you know I am not so wise as you are, therefore I ask your advice in what I am now going to say. I have been thinking, before you come to action, to take a run to the westward, and feel the mind of my Indian brethren, the Six Nations, and know how they stand; whether they are on your side, or for your enemies. If I find they are against you, I will try to turn their minds. I think they will listen to me, for they have always looked this way for advice concerning all important news that comes from the rising of the sun. If they hearken to me, you will not be afraid of any danger from behind you.

However their minds are affected, you shall know by me. Now I think, I can do you more service in this way, than by marching off immediately to Boston, and staying there; it may be a great while before blood runs. Now, as I said, you are wiser than I, I leave this for your consideration, whether I come down immediately or wait till I hear some blood is spilled."

"Brothers! I would not have you think by this, that we are falling back from our engagements. We are ready to do any thing for your relief, and shall be guided by your counsel."

"Brothers! one thing I ask of you, if you send for me to fight, that you will let me fight in my own Indian way. I am not used to fight English fashion. Therefore you must not expect I can train like your men. Only point out to me where your enemies keep, and that is all I shall want to know."

When the troops assembled at Cambridge, their number far exceeded the means of arming and equipping them.

Many of them were volunteers in various dresses, without arms, ammunition, clothing or provisions. The Selectmen of the several towns were exhorted to purchase, and all, who had them to sell, such arms, &c., as could be spared. The number of arms

apportioned to the County of Worcester to be thus furnished, was 514. Of which Shrewsbury, by its Selectmen, was required to furnish 22. Persons were specially appointed to receive them of the Selectmen of the towns; and wagons and teams employed to convey them, with powder and other warlike implements, drawn from the several towns' stock of military stores, to the camp at Cambridge, with the utmost despatch. Every thing that would pass for a gun, was put in requisition. Many of them of course, were without bayonets. So speedy was the formation of the army, so various the *materiel* of which it was composed, that, in a military view, their discipline and dress were on a par with each other. Not even the General officers had so much as a *badge* to distinguish them from the privates in the ranks.

Hence, they were often stopped by the Sentinels, when going the rounds to make discoveries, and see whether those on duty were vigilant and at their posts.

This led to an order from the commanding General, that for the prevention of the like in future, officers of the highest grade, should wear a *red* ribbon *over* the *right* shoulder and *under* the *left* arm. The next in rank, a *red* ribbon *over* the *left* shoulder and *under* the *right* arm. The next a *blue* ribbon *over* the *right* shoulder and *under* the *left* arm. And so on in this manner, the different grades of officers were distinguished and known by the color of their ribbon and the manner of wearing it.

Behold, several thousand men, with their officers, all thus accoutred and dressed in garments of every cut, and of as many colors as were contained in Joseph's coat, drawn up for review! I speak not this by way of ridicule. Far from it. But rather to shew the necessities of the times, and the disadvantages in which, on their part, our fathers began the contest.

These were temporary privations; they possessed what more than counterbalanced them. Resolute hearts and unyielding patriotism. One spirit animated the whole army, and by degrees improvements followed, that rendered their appearance more in unison with their valor.

Many of the field officers, though serving, were not commissioned at the time of the battle on Bunker Hill. Gen. Ward

received his commission in less than one month previous to that event. The detachment, sent, the evening before that battle, to fortify Bunker Hill, mistook their orders, or, from some other cause, were induced to proceed to Breed's Hill, another eminence, nearer the enemy's works and heavy shipping.

Thus, while more in danger of an immediate attempt by the British to dislodge them, they were more remote from head quarters; and, what of itself alone was of no small consequence, they were at an increased distance from Charlestown *neck*, over which they must return in their retreat, if repulsed, exposed to the near and raking fire of the British shipping on either side, and which would naturally take their position there for that purpose, as speedily as possible, to cut them off, as well as to prevent reinforcements coming to their aid.

Nevertheless their ardor and resolution impelled them onward; they *sought* to beard the British lion in his den, and they *did it*, leaving chances to what might follow.

They took possession of Breed's Hill, and in the course of the night threw up a fortification. The morning light disclosed to the British this near and bold approach, so suddenly and unexpectedly made within the reach not only of their shipping in the back bay, adjoining Charlestown, but of their batteries erected on Copps' Hill, Boston, all of which soon opened their fire upon them, and in the mean time a portion of the troops in Boston were put under marching orders to the water side, to be passed in boats to Charlestown, to drive them from the hill.

In a few hours after succeeded that eventful battle, the particulars of which have so often been written in late years, as to make it unnecessary to give the details here.

Yet I may say, had it been done at an earlier period, much interesting, and, in a historical point of view, important information, now lost, might have been preserved, and not a little of that ink-shed and controversy, whether Col. Putnam was or was not in that battle, have been prevented, and justice done to all in their life time.

If there had been any, at an earlier period, disposed to question facts, or cast imputations upon those concerned there at that

time, the living would have defended themselves, and the means to do it would have been at hand. Insinuations and partial statements reflecting upon the honorable dead, which no man lisped in *their* life time, can proceed only from such as seek to obtain notoriety for the discovery of what nobody ever knew before; and it is worse than ingratitude in those, who, in subsequent times and while enjoying the fruits for which they never toiled, to detract from the merits and well earned fame of their benefactor after the earth has closed over him.

Although the battle was fought on *Breed's* Hill, it ever has been and no doubt always will be called *Bunker* Hill battle. This may have happened from the fact that the detachment was ordered to proceed to *Bunker* Hill and fortify it.

Some things connected with that event I well remember to have heard my grandfather, General Ward, then commanding at Cambridge, relate, in conversation with his neighbors and others, in the latter part of his life. On such occasions, revolutionary events were often brought up to view and talked over with an absorbing interest; and many interesting details related, *then* seemingly well understood. Of one particular, I feel it no less an act of justice than of duty to give some account, inasmuch as at this day some appear to be at a loss to account for the reason, that General Ward did not, when repeatedly pressed for that purpose, and while the battle was raging, send reinforcements from Cambridge to their relief, and which they think, or seem to think, had he promptly done, might have, and for ought *we know*, would have enabled the Provincials to retain possession of the field. Had he done so, what *might have been* the consequence can never be told. But one thing is certain, could they have done it, no permanent advantage would have resulted from it. At the conversations alluded to, there was no occasion for explanations. The recitals were not to satisfy doubts, but merely historical of the circumstances connected with what took place on that day, and the precautions that were adopted to guard against being circumvented by the enemy.

He said, "the detachment ordered to Bunker Hill had imprudently (I do not recollect, that in disobedience of orders) exposed

themselves in proceeding so far." As some of the Committee of Safety accompanied the detachment, they might have ordered it to *Breed's* Hill, before or after arriving at Bunker's, for reasons good and sufficient in their opinion. The commanding General and all military movements were, by the Provincial Congress, made subject to the orders of that Committee. "That when he learnt they were attacked by a detachment of British troops, who had passed over in boats from Boston, he considered it a *feint* on the part of the British to draw the main army from head quarters at Cambridge to the battle ground, and then, the larger portion of their troops being still in Boston, to push them across the river, land them at Leechmere's Point, and proceed directly to Cambridge, destroy the magazines there and close the avenue at Charlestown Neck, whereby the Provincials would be inclosed within the Peninsula of Charlestown, where, by reason of small supplies of amunition and subsistence, they could not long hold out; that by proceeding to Breed's Hill, the attack upon them was sooner than he expected, and before they could be provided for as was intended; that a vigilant look out was kept up towards Boston and opposite Leechmere's Point, from an expectation that a sudden embarkation would take place there for head quarters at Cambridge, and the *main* battle be fought there; that he always considered the attack on the hill intended as a *feint*, and the principal reason, why an embarkation for Cambridge did not take place, arose from the repeated repulses of the first body of troops sent over to Charlestown, and which being seen from Boston, occasioned so large a reinforcement to be sent to their relief, that the main object was thereby defeated."

Those brave men fighting on the hill stood in need of succor, and no doubt would have received it could it have been given without risking too mnch.

The *first* shock had come; *caution* was as necessary as *valor;* stratagem is the well known concomitant of war. Had the greater portion of the army been drawn within the Peninsula of Charlestown, there is reason to think the second detachment of the British troops, instead of going to the relief of the first, would have been sent in another direction, and have accomplished their object before the Provincials, by that time at the Eastern ex-

tremity of Charlestown, could have returned to prevent it; their attempt to do so would have been checked by pursuers, and, in all probability, before they could have recrossed the neck, they would have met the other detachment flushed with success; thus hemmed in, their situation would have been deplorable, but what was of greater consequence, with the overthrow of the army, and that too in the *outset* and *first encounter*, *hope* itself would have fled, the country would have been paralyzed, the great struggle for freedom would have ended, when it began, while the gibbet for some, and slavery for the rest, would have closed the scene.

When it was ascertained that a reinforcement of British troops had been sent over to Charlestown, and their disposable force in Boston thereby so reduced as to make an attack upon head quarters improbable, reinforcements were ordered from Cambridge. Col. Jonathan Ward, then stationed at No. 4, was directed, as appears by the General's Orderly Book, to march his regiment with the utmost despatch, by the way of Leechmere's Point* to Charlestown, keeping a strict look out towards Boston, while on his march. It is known that this regiment did not reach its place of destination.

Col. Ward, with his regiment, having nearly reached Charlestown Neck, there met a gentleman (said to have been Dr. Benjamin Church, one of the Committee of Safety, and who afterwards proved himself a traitor) coming from Charlestown on horseback, who inquired of Col. Ward to what point he was marching his regiment. To the hill, was the answer. "Have you not had counter orders?" "I have not." "You will have soon. Halt here." The regiment advanced no further. Some few found means to leave it and cross the neck, but soon met the Provincials retreating. Capt. Aaron Smith, of this town, who was in that battle, and died at the age of 89, in 1825, related the foregoing to me, about a year before his death, and which he said was told him by one who said he was an eye and ear witness to what passed and took place between Col. Ward and the person on horseback. Smith was in the service most of the revolutionary

* It was *here* the detachment of British troops, sent to destroy the Provincial military stores at Concord, landed in the night time from the Boston side.

war, and had been a soldier in the French war. Those times furnished themes on which it was his delight to dwell. Being intelligent, and a close observer of men and things, his relation of the battles in which he had been engaged, where and under what circumstances fought, and the exciting scenes through which he passed while in the service, never failed to interest the listening ear. On one occasion, when relating the manner in which he passed the sentry on Charlestown Neck, and reached the encampment early in the morning; how he fought at the rail fence behind a breast work of fresh mown grass, and of a man at his side, a negro, so crippled by a shot in the leg that he could not rise up to discharge his gun, but could load and re-load, which he continued to do, both Smith's and his own, and then hand them to Smith to fire, until their ammunition was expended, when he undertook to carry the negro off the field on his back, but was obliged to leave him to his fate, and in the retreat had his gun-stock, while in his hands shattered by a ball. Having related this much and more, I inquired of him, with a view to ascertain his understanding of the matter, why reinforcements were not sent from Cambridge? He replied, "It was expected the enemy would come over from Boston, and landing at the point, make an attack upon head quarters."

That was the first and among the most sanguinary battles fought during the Revolution. Every thing relating to it, however trifling, is matter of interest.

All entrusted with public duties relating to the *field* were held responsible for the fulfilment of their duty, and though great allowances were probably made on account of existing circumstances, yet officers of high rank were cashiered for misconduct on that day. What public policy seemed to require, public opinion was sure to enforce, and such as failed in their duty were called to an account regardless of rank, favor or affection.

The Continental Congress, having been applied to by the Provincial Congress for advice on account of the embarrassments attending the want of an established government in this province, recommended to the Provincial Congress to request the several towns to choose Representatives to a General Court, and the representatives, when assembled to choose counsellors as under

the charter — the Assembly and Counsellors to exercise the powers of Government. This was immediately complied with, and representatives from the several towns assembled at Watertown, on the 19th day of July, 1775, and organized a Government, as recommended, by choosing Counsellors, who exercised the Executive power — they made appointments, civil and military, and issued commissions, signed by a majority of their Board — the Provincial Congress was dissolved on the same day.

A House of Representatives was thereafter chosen annually, and annually chose a Council, until the year 1779, when a Convention, chosen for that purpose, framed the present Constitution of this State.

Those who care to know something of the debt of gratitude they owe to a superintending Providence, and to the memory of the Patriots of the Revolution, for the privileges they now enjoy, should think on these things.

DELEGATES.

To the first Provincial Congress, 1774,	Hon. Artemas Ward, Phineas Hayward.
To the second " " 1775,	Hon. Artemas Ward.
To the third " " 1775,	Daniel Hemenway.
To Convention to frame Constitution of Massachusetts, 1779,	Daniel Hemenway.
To Convention 1789, at adoption of Constitution of United States,	Capt. Isaac Harrington.
To do. 1824, to revise do. of Mass.,	Nathan Pratt.

A direct tax of two millions of dollars was laid by an act of Congress, in 1798, and apportioned as follows, viz:

	Dolls.	Cts.	M.		Dolls.	Cts.	M.
New Hampshire,	77,705	36	2	Delaware,	30,430	79	2
Massachusetts,	260,435	31	2	Maryland,	152,599	95	4
Rhode Island,	37,502	08	0	Virginia,	345,488	66	5
Connecticutt,	129,767	00	2	Kentucky,	37,643	99	7
Vermont,	46,864	18	7	North Carolina,	193,697	96	5
New York,	181,680	70	7	Tennesee,	18,806	33	3
New Jersey,	98,387	25	3	South Carolina,	112,997	73	9
Pennsylvania,	287,177	72	7	Georgia,	35,814	87	5

For the valuation, assessment and collection of her part of the tax, Massachusetts was by that Act allotted into nine divisions, of which the County of Worcester comprised the seventh.

A Commissioner for each division was appointed by the President — the nine Commissioners constituted a Board for the transaction of business, and were empowered to divide the State into a suitable and convenient number of *assessment* Districts, and within each District to appoint one Principal Assessor and such number of Assistant Assessors as in their opinion necessary.

Of the number of assessment Districts in the seventh Division, the towns of Shrewsbury, Northboro' and Boylston, constituted the seventeenth assessment District, of which Thomas W. Ward was appointed Principal Assessor; Jonah Howe, Antipass Brigham, of Northboro', and Aaron Sawyer, of Boylston, Assistant Assessors.

The act required them to value and enumerate the dwelling houses, lands, &c., in their respective Districts; authorized them to require lists of the same, to be furnished to them by the persons owning or possessing them, and the names of such persons, [the lists to specify, in respect to dwelling houses, their *situation*, their *dimensions* or *area*, their number of *stories*, the number and dimensions of their *windows*, the materials of which they were built, &c.,] and on failure of the owners and occupants to furnish such lists, the Assessors themselves were to make them out, or in other words to doom the delinquents — all to be taken as on the first day of October, 1798. So much as is included in brackets was repealed soon after the passage of the act.

They were then to assess the same, and transmit their proceedings to the Commissioners — property exempted by the law of the State from taxation, not to be assessed, nor dwelling houses, the valuation of which did not exceed one hundred dollars. Clergymen and their property being exempted from taxation by the laws of Massachusetts, were not assessed for their dwelling houses or lands — nevertheless, their houses and lands were enumerated and valued as those of others.

From the Assessors' return to the Commissioners of their proceedings under the authority and by virtue of the above mentioned

act, I extract the following, which relates to this town, and, as showing the number of houses and the names of the owners and occupants at that time, will be interesting to many, and affords matter for reflection to all.

Names of Occupants of Houses in Shrewsbury, Oct. 1, 1798.		Names of Reputed Owners of Houses, Oct. 1, 1798.
Jonathan Adams,	1	Jonathan Adams,
Silas Allen,	1	Silas Allen,
Elnathan Allen,	1	Elnathan Allen,
John Bragg,	1	John Bragg,
Reuben Baker,	1	Reuben Baker,
John Baker,	1	John Baker,
David Brigham,	1	David Brigham,
Samuel Brigham,	1	Samuel Brigham,
George Brown,	1	George Brown,
John Bellows,	1	John Bellows,
Humphrey Bigelow,	1	Humphrey Bigelow,
Phillip Crosby,	1	Beriah Brastor,
Col. Job Cushing,	1	Col. Job Cushing,
Jonathan Cutler,	1	Jonathan Cutler,
Daniel Cook,	1	Daniel Cook,
Jonathan Dean,	1	Jonathan Dean,
Caleb Drury and Joel Drury,	1	Caleb Drury and Joel Drury,
Abijah Drury,	1	Abijah Drury,
Benjamin Eddy,	1	Benjamin Eddy,
Lewis Eager,	1	Lewis Eager,
Edward Flint,	1	Edward Flint,
Charles Fay,	1	Charles Fay,
Benjamin Goddard,	1	Benjamin Goddard,
Daniel Goddard and Luther Goddard,	1	Daniel Goddard and Luther Goddard,
Uriah Hunt,	1	Luther Goddard,
Abel Goulding,	1	Abel Goulding,
John Green,	1	John Green,
Nathaniel Green,	1	Nathaniel Green,
Joshua Henshaw, Esq.,	1	Joshua Henshaw, Esq.,
Martin Smith,	1	Joshua Henshaw, Esq.,

Amasa Holden,	1	Amasa Holden,
Daniel Holden,	1	Daniel Holden,
Timothy Howard,	1	Timothy Howard,
Nathan Howe,	1	Nathan Howe,
Gideon Howe,	1	Gideon Howe,
Jonah Howe,	1	Jonah Howe,
Joab Hapgood,	1	Joab Hapgood,
Silas Hemenway,	1	Silas Hemenway,
Jonas Hemenway,	1	Jonas Hemenway,
Thomas Harrington and Daniel Harrington,	1	Thomas Harrington and Daniel Harrington,
Isaac Harrington,	1	Isaac Harrington,
Elijah Harrington,	1	Elijah Harrington,
Joseph Hastings,	1	Joseph Hastings,
Jonas Hastings,	1	Jonas Hastings,
Nathaniel Heywood,	1	Nathaniel Heywood,
Thomas Harlow,	1	Thomas Harlow,
Sarah Henshaw,	1	Sarah Henshaw,
Dennis Howe,	1	Dennis Howe,
Daniel Johnson,	1	Daniel Johnson,
Stephen Johnson,	1	Stephen Johnson,
Phillip Johnson and David Johnson,	1	Phillip Johnson and David Johnson,
Joseph B. Jennison and Samuel Jennison,	1	Joseph B. Jennison and Samuel Jennison,
Joseph Knowlton,	1	Joseph Knowlton,
Paul Knowlton,	1	Paul Knowlton,
Abraham Knowlton,	1	Abraham Knowlton,
Thomas Knowlton,	1	Thomas Knowlton,
William Knowlton,	1	William Knowlton,
Ebenezer Kingsbury,	1	Ebenezer Kingsbury,
Isaac Drury,	1	Elisha Keyes,
Thomas Miles,	1	Thomas Miles,
Nathaniel Munroe,	1	Nathaniel Munroe,
Aaron Munroe,	1	Aaron Munroe,
Asa Mixer,	1	Asa Mixer,
Daniel Maynard,	1	Daniel Maynard,
Seth Maynard,	1	Seth Maynard,

Benjamin Maynard,	1	Benjamin Maynard,
Simon Maynard,	1	Simon Maynard,
John Mason,	1	John Mason,
Abraham Munroe,	1	Abraham Munroe,
Daniel Noyes,	1	Daniel Noyes,
Samuel Noyes,	1	Samuel Noyes,
David Nelson,	1	David Nelson,
Maj. Calvin Newton,	1	Joseph Nurse,
Solomon Newton,	1	Solomon Newton,
Asa Newton,	1	Asa Newton,
Seth Pratt,	1	Seth Pratt,
Elnathan Pratt,	1	Elnathan Pratt,
John Peirks,	1	John Peirks,
John Peirks, Jr.,	1	John Peirks, Jr.,
Hollis Parker,	1	Hollis Parker,
Ithamar Parker,	1	Ithamar Parker,
Jonathan Plympton,	1	Jonathan Plympton,
Elzaphan Plympton,	1	Elzaphan Plympton,
Levi Pease,	1	Levi Pease,
Jonathan Bruce,	1	Seth Pratt,
John Rice,	1	John Rice,
John Rice, Jr.,	1	John Rice,
Col. Asa Rice,	1	Col. Asa Rice,
Elisha Keyes	1	Elijah Rice,
Solomon Rand and Jasper Rand,	1	Solomon Rand and Jasper Rand,
Gideon Rider,	1	Gideon Rider,
Aaron Smith and Ashbel Smith,	1	Aaron Smith and Ashbel Smith,
Samuel Smith,	1	Samuel Smith,
Lewis Smith,	1	Lewis Smith,
Dea. Jonas Stone,	1	Dea. Jonas Stone,
Jonathan Stone and Jonas Stone, Jr.,	1	Jonathan Stone and Jonas Stone, Jr.,
Daniel Stone,	1	Daniel Stone,
Josiah Stone,	1	Josiah Stone,
Joseph Stone,	1	Joseph Stone,
Daniel Smith,	1	Daniel Smith,

Daniel Smith, Jr.,	1	Daniel Smith, Jr.,
Jasper Stone,	1	Jasper Stone,
George Slocomb,	1	George Slocomb,
Rev. Joseph Sumner,	1	Rev. Joseph Sumner,
William Jennison,	1	Samuel Sumner,
Harvey Maynard,	1	Joseph Stone
Jedediah Tucker,	1	Jedediah Tucker,
Joseph S. Temple,	1	Joseph S. Temple,
James Alexander,	1	William Thompson, Boston,
Timothy Underwood,	1	Timothy Underwood,
Hon. Artemas Ward and Thomas W. Ward,	1	Hon. Artemas Ward,
George Parker,	1	Hon. Artemas Ward,
Gershom Wheelock,	1	Gershom Wheelock,
Timothy Wheelock,	1	Timothy Wheelock,
Thomas Whitney,	1	Thomas Whitney,
Jason Ware,	1	Jason Ware,
Artemas Wheeler,	1	Artemas Wheeler,
Aaron Wheeler,	1	Aaron Wheeler,
Ross Wyman,	1	Ross Wyman,
Seth Wyman,	1	Ross Wyman.
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NAMES OF REPUTED OWNERS OF HOUSES OF VALUE LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, OCT. 1, 1798.

Daniel Baker,	$60	Ephraim Lyon,	$40
Benjamin Bush,	50	Ebenezer Mann,	40
Joseph Davis,	20	Daniel Mixer,	70
Ebenezer Garfield,	60	Jonathan Newton,	60
" "	75	Shephard Pratt,	70
Mary Garfield,	75	Silas Wheelock,	60
Jonathan Harrington,	50	Ezra Wheelock,	20
Arunah Harlow,	40	Joshua Wheelock,	20
Martin Newton,	77	Ross Wyman,	40

All slaves were assessed 50 cents each, who were above 12, and under 50 years of age, except such, as from fixed infirmity or bodily disability, were incapable of labor.

The effect of this upon the slave-holding States was greatly to enhance the amount of their proportion of the two million tax.

The following Table shows who have been chosen Moderators, Town Clerks, Selectmen, Assessors, and Town Treasurers at the Annual March Meetings, and Representatives to the General Court, from the time of the incorporation of Shrewsbury, in 1727, to and including 1829. The town was incorporated on the 15th of December, 1727, with authority "for the choosing of Town Officers to stand until the next Annual Election, according to Law;" by virtue whereof the first Town Meeting was held, and Town Officers chosen, on the 27th of December, to stand until the Annual Election in March following.

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Dec. 29, 1727. Lt. Nahum Ward.	John Keyes, Sen.	Lt. Nahum Ward, Capt. John Keyes, John Keyes, Sen. Dea. Sam'l Wheelock, Isaac Stone.	Selectmen.	Ens. Daniel Howe.	
1728. Lt. Nahum Ward.	Lt. Nahum Ward.	Lt. Nahum Ward, Simon Maynard, John Crosby, Gershom Flagg, Ens. Daniel Howe.	John Keyes, Sen. Lt. Nahum Ward, Gershom Flagg.	Ens. Daniel Howe.	
1729. Capt. John Keyes.	Lt. Nahum Ward.	Capt. John Keyes, Lt. Nahum Ward, Isaac Stone, Dea. John Keyes, William Taylor.	Dea. John Keyes, Isaac Stone, John Bush.	Ens. Daniel Howe.	

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1730. Capt. John Keyes.	Dea. John Keyes.	Nahum Ward, Capt. Johd Keyes, Dea. Sam'l Wheelock, Elnathan Allen, Edward Goddard.	Dea. John Keyes, Nahum Ward, Asa Bouker.	Nahum Ward.	
1731. Nahum Ward, Esq.	Isaac Stone.	Capt. John Keyes, Gershom Wheelock, Ens. Daniel Howe, Isaac Stone, Asa Bouker.	John Keyes, Sen. Isaac Stone, Ebenezer Bragg.	Nahum Ward, Esq.	
1732. Simon Maynard.	Isaac Stone.	Dea. Sam'l Wheelock, Thomas Hapgood, William Taylor, Ebenezer Bragg, Nahum Ward, Esq.	John Keyes, Sen. Abraham Eager, John Wheeler.	Nahum Ward, Esq.	
1733. John Wheeler.	Isaac Stone.	Isaac Stone, Dea. John Keyes, Simon Maynard, Nahum Ward, Esq. Elnathan Allen.	Dea. John Keyes, Abraham Eager, John Wheeler.	Nahum Ward, Esq.	
1734. Thomas Hapgood.	Isaac Stone.	Dea. John Keyes, Thomas Hapgood, Cyprian Keyes, Daniel Hubbard, Lt. Daniel Howe.	Dea. John Keyes, Isaac Stone, Cyprian Keyes.	Asa Bouker	

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1735. Nahum Ward, Esq.	Isaac Stone.	William Taylor, Nahum Ward, Esq. Isaac Stone, Samuel Crosby, Isaac Temple.	Dea. John Keyes, Nahum Ward, Esq. Asa Bouker.	Asa Bouker.	Nahum Ward, Esq.
1736. Col. Nahum Ward.	Isaac Stone.	John Keyes, Esq. Lt. Gersh'm Wheelock, Isaac Stone, Nahum Ward, Esq. Dea. Cyprian Keyes.	Dea. John Keyes, Ens. John Wheeler, Samuel Crosby.	Thomas Hapgood.	
1737. Col. Nahum Ward.	Cyprian Keyes.	Cyprian Keyes, Nahum Ward, Esq. Asa Bouker, Lt. Isaac Stone, Samuel Crosby.	Dea. John Keyes, Cyprian Keyes, Lt. Isaac Stone.	Thomas Hapgood.	Nahum Ward, Esq.
1738. Col. Nahum Ward.	Cyprian Keyes.	Nahum Ward, Esq. Cyprian Keyes, Lt. Isaac Stone, Thomas Hapgood, Isaac Temple.	Dea. John Keyes, Simon Maynard, John Bush.	Thomas Hapgood.	
1739. Col. Nahum Ward.	Cyprian Keyes.	Nahum Ward, Esq. Cyprian Keyes, Lt. Isaac Stone, Lt. Thomas Hapgood, Isaac Temple.	Dea. John Keyes, Simon Maynard, Asa Bouker.	Thomas Hapgood.	

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1740. Col. Nahum Ward.	Cyprian Keyes.	Col. Nahum Ward, Cyprian Keyes, Lt. Isaac Stone, William Taylor, Capt. Tho's Hapgood.	Dea. John Keyes, Simon Maynard, Ens. John Wheeler.	Capt. Tho's Hapgood.	Col. Nahum Ward.
1741. Col. Nahum Ward.	Simon Goddard.	Col. Nahum Ward, Cyprian Keyes, Simon Goddard, Isaac Stone, Thomas Hapgood.	Dea. John Keyes, Isaac Stone, Simon Goddard.	Thomas Hapgood.	Caleb Johnson.
1742. Col. Nahum Ward,	Simon Goddard.	Col. Nahum Ward, Cyprian Keyes, Caleb Johnson, Capt. Daniel Howe, Simon Goddard.	Dea. Cyprian Keyes, Luke Rice, Sam'l Crosby.	Thomas Hapgood.	Col. Nahum Ward.
1743. Col. Nahum Ward.	Cyprian Keyes.	Col. Nahum Ward, Cyprian Keyes, Thomas Hapgood, Isaac Temple, Luke Rice.	Simon Goddard, Luke Rice, Dea. John Keyes.	Capt. Tho's Hapgood.	Caleb Johnson.
1744. Col. Nahum Ward.	Simon Goddard.	Col. Nahum Ward, Jonathan Keyes, Daniel Hastings, Daniel Johnson, Luke Ricc.	Simon Goddard, Luke Rice, Dea. Cyprian Keyes.	Capt. Tho's Hapgood.	Col. Nahum Ward.

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1745. Col. Nahum Ward.	Cyprian Keyes.	Col. Nahum Ward, Cyprian Keyes, Luke Rice, Dea. Ezek'l Knowlton, Isaac Temple.	Joshua Smith, Cyprian Keyes, Luke Rice.	Capt. Tho's Hapgood.	
1746. Col. Nahum Ward.	Luke Rice.	Col. Nahum Ward, Luke Rice, Cyprian Keyes, Simon Maynard, Daniel Hastings.	Luke Rice, Cyprian Keyes, Joshua Smith.	Luke Rice.	John Keyes, Esq.
1747. Col. Nahum Ward.	Luke Rice.	Col. Nahum Ward, Luke Rice, Cyprian Keyes, Capt. Daniel Howe, Isaac Temple.	Luke Rice, Cyprian Keyes, Joshua Smith.	Luke Rice.	Isaac Temple.
1748. Col. Nahum Ward.	Luke Rice.	Col. Nahum Ward, Luke Rice, Cyprian Keyes, Phineas Heywood, Capt. Joseph Bigelow.	Luke Rice, Cyprian Keyes, Joshua Smith.	Luke Rice.	Col. Nahum Ward.
1749. Col. Nahum Ward.	Dr. Joshua Smith.	Dr. Joshua Smith, Phineas Heywood, Isaac Temple, Dea. Ezek'l Knowlton, Daniel Hastings.	Dr. Joshua Smith, Isaac Temple, Daniel Hemenway.	Luke Rice.	Isaac Temple.

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1750. Col. Nahum Ward.	Dr. Joshua Smith.	Col. Nahum Ward, Dr. Joshua Smith, Isaac Temple, Phineas Heywood, Daniel Hastings.	Dr. Joshua Smith, Isaac Temple, Daniel Hemenway.	Luke Rice.	
1751. Col. Nahum Ward.	Dr. Joshua Smith.	Dr. Joshua Smith, Isaac Temple, Phineas Heywood, David Child, Daniel Johnson.	Dr. Joshua Smith, Artemas Ward, Isaac Temple.	Simon Maynard.	Col. Nahum Ward.
1752. Col. Nahum Ward.	Artemas Ward, Esq.	Col. Nahum Ward, Isaac Temple, Phineas Heywood, Artemas Ward, Esq. David Child.	Artemas Ward, Esq. Cyprian Keyes, Phineas Heywood.	Simon Maynard.	Phineas Heywood.
1753. Col. Nahum Ward.	Artemas Ward, Esq.	Phineas Heywood, Daniel Johnson, Isaac Temple, Jabez Beaman, Simon Maynard.	Dr. Joshua Smith, Artemas Ward, Esq. Ens. John Bush.	Simon Maynard.	Phineas Heywood.
1754. Phineas Heywood.	Artemas Ward, Esq.	Phineas Heywood, Isaac Temple, Artemas Ward, Esq. Jabez Beaman, Simon Maynard.	Artemas Ward, Esq. Phineas Heywood, Ens. John Bush.	Simon Maynard.	Phineas Heywood.

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1755. Phineas Heywood.	Artemas Ward, Esq.	Phineas Heywood, Isaac Temple, Artemas Ward, Esq. David Child, Capt. Benjamin Eager.	Phineas Heywood, Artemas Ward, Esq. John Bush.	Simon Maynard.	Phineas Heywood.
1756. Phineas Heywood.	Cyprian Keyes.	Phineas Heywood, Isaac Temple, Daniel Johnson, Cyprian Keyes, Benjamin Eager.	Daniel Hemenway, Cyprian Keyes, Job Cushing.	Simon Maynard.	Isaac Temple.
1757. Phineas Heywood.	Artemas Ward, Esq.	Phineas Heywood, Jabez Beaman, Artemas Ward, Esq. Jonathan Keyes, Benjamin Eager.	Simon Goddard, Artemas Ward, Esq. Zachariah Harvey.	Simon Maynard.	Artemas Ward, Esq.
1758. Phineas Heywood.	Artemas Ward, Esq.	Isaac Stone, Daniel Hastings, Artemas Ward, Esq. Jonathan Keyes, Phineas Heywood.	Artemas Ward, Esq. Cyprian Keyes, Simon Goddard.	Simon Maynard.	Isaac Temple.
1759. Phineas Heywood.	Isaac Stone.	Isaac Stone, Isaac Temple, Daniel Johnson, Nath'l Davenport, Daniel Hemenway.	Daniel Hemenway, Isaac Temple, Job Cushing.	Simon Maynard.	Artemas Ward, Esq.

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1760. Isaac Temple.	Isaac Stone.	Isaac Stone, Dea. Cyprian Keyes, Col. Artemas Ward, Amariah Bigelow, Job Cushing.	Col. Artemas Ward, Amariah Bigelow, Job Cushing.	Col. Artemas Ward.	Col. Artemas Ward.
1761. Col. Artemas Ward.	Isaac Stone.	Phineas Heywood, Col. Artemas Ward, Cyprian Keyes, Daniel Hastings, Isaac Stone.	Col. Artemas Ward, Cyprian Keyes, Dr. Samuel Crosby.	Daniel Hemenway.	Col. Artemas Ward.
1762. Phineas Heywood.	Job Cushing.	Col. Artemas Ward, Cyprian Keyes, Phineas Heywood, Edward Raymond, Dr. Samuel Crosby.	Col. Artemas Ward, Cyprian Keyes, Dr. Samuel Crosby.	Col. Artemas Ward.	
1763. Phineas Heywood.	Col. Artemas Ward.	Col. Artemas Ward, Cyprian Keyes, Isaac Stone, Edward Raymond, Dr. Samuel Crosby.	Col. Artemas Ward, Cyprian Keyes, Dr. Samuel Crosby.	Col. Artemas Ward.	Col. Artemas Ward.
1764. Ebenezer Keyes.	Col. Artemas Ward.	Phineas Heywood, Cyprian Keyes, Col. Artemas Ward, Amariah Bigelow, Job Cushing.	r Ward, Amariah Bigelow, Job Cushing.	Col. Artemas Ward.	Col. Artemas Ward.

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1765. Phineas Heywood.	David Taylor.	Daniel Hemenway, Isaac Temple, Silas Witherby, Joseph Smith, Ezekiel Knowlton.	Daniel Hemenway, Isaac Temple, Marshall Newton.	Col. Artemas Ward.	Col. Artemas Ward.
1766. Phineas Heywood.	Job Cushing.	Col. Artemas Ward, Ezra Beaman, Job Cushing. Capt. Jos. Bigelow, Jr. Dr. Samuel Crosby.	Col. Artemas Ward, Amariah Bigelow, Job Cushing.	Col. Artemas Ward.	Col. Artemas Ward.
1767. Col. Artemas Ward.	David Taylor.	Col. Artemas Ward, Joseph Smith, Job Cushing, Amariah Bigelow, Asa Brigham.	Col. Artemas Ward, Amariah Bigelow, Asa Brigham.	Col. Artemas Ward.	Col. Artemas Ward.
1768. Col. Artemas Ward.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Col. Artemas Ward, Lt. Amariah Bigelow, Dea. Jonas Stone, Stephen Flagg, Dr. Edward Flint.	Job Cushing, Stephen Flagg, Dr. Samnel Crosby.	Col. Artemas Ward.	Col. Artemas Ward.
1769. Col. Artemas Ward.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Col. Artemas Ward, Joseph Smith, Dr. Edward Flint, Ezra Beaman, Job Cushing.	Col. Artemas Ward, Stephen Flagg, Dr. Edward Flint.	Col. Artemas Ward.	Col. Artemas Ward.

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1770. Col. Artemas Ward.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Col. Artemas Ward, Joseph Smith, Dr. Edward Flint, Ezra Beaman, Dr. Samuel Crosby.	Col. Artemas Ward, Stephen Flagg, Dr. Samuel Crosby.	Col. Artemas Ward.	Col. Artemas Ward.
1771. Col. Artemas Ward.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Col. Artemas Ward, Joseph Smith, Ezra Beaman, Dr. Edward Flint, Job Cushing.	Col. Artemas Ward, Joshua Townsend, Job Cushing.	Col. Artemas Ward.	Phineas Heywood.
1772. Col. Artemas Ward.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Col. Artemas Ward, Ezra Beaman, Dr. Edward Flint, Joseph Smith, Asa Brigham.	Col. Artemas Ward, David Taylor, Dr. Samuel Crosby.	Col. Artemas Ward.	Phineas Heywood.
1773. Job Cushing.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Hon. Artemas Ward, Ezra Beaman, Dr. Edward Flint, Joseph Smith, Asa Brigham.	Hon. Artemas Ward, Samuel Crosby, David Taylor.	Hon. Artemas Ward.	Phineas Heywood.
1774. Daniel Hemenway.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Hon. Artemas Ward, Robert Andrews, Dr. Edward Flint, Amariah Bigelow, Joab Hapgood.	Hon. Artemas Ward, David Taylor, Dr. Samuel Crosby.	Hon. Artemas Ward.	Phineas Heywood.

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1775. Hon. Artemas Ward.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Hon. Artemas Ward, Robert Andrews, Dr. Edward Flint, Jonas Temple, Lt. Isaac Harrington.	Hon. Artemas Ward, David Taylor, Daniel Hemenway.	Hon. Artemas Ward.	Dea. Jonas Stone.
1776. Phineas Heywood.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Dr. Edward Flint, Robert Andrews, Capt. Job Cushing, Capt. Ezra Beaman, Lt. Isaac Harrington, Jonas Temple, Daniel Hemenway.	Daniel Hemenway, David Taylor, Capt. Job Cushing.	Capt. Job Cushing.	Dea. Jonas Stone.
1777. Daniel Hemenway.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Dr. Edward Flint, Jonas Temple, Daniel Hemenway, David Taylor, Charles Bouker.	Daniel Hemenway, Dea. Amariah Bigelow, Maj. Job Cushing.	Maj. Job Cushing.	Dea. Jonas Stone.
1778. Maj. Job Cushing.	Amariah Bigelow.	Maj. Job Cushing, Dea. Amariah Bigelow, Jonas Temple, Daniel Hemenway, Charles Bouker.	Samuel Crosby, Esq. Joshua Townsend, Maj. Job Cushing.	Maj. Job Cushing.	Charles Bouker.
1779. Dea. Jonas Stone.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Dr. Edward Flint, Robert Andrews, Dea. Jonas Stone, Maj. Ezra Beaman, Lt. John Maynard.	Samuel Crosby, Esq. Capt. Eben'r Inglesby, Lt. John Maynard.	Maj. Job Cushing.	Capt. John Maynard.

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1780. Samuel Crosby, Esq.	Maj. Job Cushing.	Dea. Jonas Stone, Capt. Jos. Bigelow, Jr. Capt. Nathan Howe, Robert Andrews, Jr. Jasper Stone.	Samuel Crosby, Esq. Stephen Flagg, Capt. John Maynard.	Maj. Job Cushing.	Ephraim Beaman.
1781. Col. Joseph Henshaw.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Dea. Jonas Stone, Dea. Jonathan Bond, Capt. Isaac Harrington, Lt. Jonathan Fassett, Lt. Daniel Noyes.	Daniel Hemenway, Lt. Jonas Temple, Lt. Jonah Howe.	Maj. Job Cushing.	Capt. John Maynard.
1782. Gen. Artemas Ward.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Dea. Jonas Stone, Ephraim Beaman, Maj. Asa Rice, Oliver Dakin, John Rice.	Col. Job Cushing, Lt. Jonas Temple, Capt. Jonah Howe.	Col. Job Cushing.	Gen. Artemas Ward.
1783. Col. Job Cushing.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Jonas Stone, Jonas Temple, Maj. Asa Rice, Ephraim Beaman, John Rice.	Col. Job Cushing, Jonas Temple, Capt. Jonah Howe.	Jasper Stone.	Jonas Temple.
1784. Gen. Artemas Ward.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Col. Job Cushing, Maj. Ezra Beaman, Asa Rice, Jonas Temple, Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Capt. Jonah Howe, Ephraim Beaman, Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Jasper Stone.	Gen. Artemas Ward.

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1785. Gen. Artemas Ward.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Col. Job Cushing, Maj. Ezra Beaman, Maj. Asa Rice, Timothy Whitney, Dea. Wm. Knowlton.	Capt. Jonah Howe, Maj. Ephraim Beaman, Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Jasper Stone.	Gen. Artemas Ward.
1786. Col. Job Cushing.	Dr. Edward Flint.	Col. Job Cushing, Maj. Asa Rice, John Bragg.	Capt. Jonah Howe, Lt. Nath'l Heywood, Thomas W. Ward.	Jasper Stone.	Gen. Artemas Ward.
1787. Maj. Asa Rice.	Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Capt. Isaac Harrington, Dea. Wm. Knowlton, Dea. Jonas Stone, John Rice, Lt. Daniel Noyes.	"The town reconsidered the vote choosing these for selectmen."		
	Then chose	Dea. Jonas Stone, John Rice, Lt. Daniel Noyes, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Paul Knowlton.	Capt. Thos. Knowlton, John Rice, Lt. Silas Hemenway.	Henry Baldwin, Jr.	"All these officers accept their trusts, and in a few days all resign them—also the clerk." This turmoil grew out of what is called Shay's insurrection.
	Then chose Maj. Asa Rice.	Dea. Jonas Stone, John Rice, Lt. Daniel Noyes, Paul Knowlton, Isaac Drury.	Capt. Jonah Howe, John Rice, Lt. Daniel Noyes.	Jasper Stone.	Capt. Isaac Harrington.

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1788. Capt.Isaac Harrington.	Capt. Thos. Knowlton,	Capt.Isaac Harrington, John Rice, Paul Knowlton, Joab Hapgood, Capt. Thos. Knowlton,	Lt. Daniel Noyes, Lt. Silas Hemenway, Capt. H. Baldwin, Jr.	Jasper Stone.	Capt.Isaac Harrington.
1789. Gen. Artemas Ward.	Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Capt.Isaac Harrington, John Rice, Paul Knowlton, Joab Hapgood, Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Lt. Daniel Noyes, Lt. Silas Hemenway, Nathan Pratt.	Jasper Stone.	Capt.Isaac Harrington.
1790. Gen. Artemas Ward.	Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Capt.Isaac Harrington, John Rice, Lt. Daniel Noyes, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Jonathan Plympton.	Lt. Silas Hemenway, John Rice, Nathan Pratt.	Jasper Stone.	Capt.Isaac Harrington.
1791. Gen. Artemas Ward.	Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Capt.Isaac Harrington, John Rice, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Jonathan Plympton, Aaron Smith.	John Rice, Lt. Silas Hemenway, Lt. Daniel Noyes.	Jasper Stone.	Capt.Isaac Harrington.
1792. Capt.Isaac Harrington.	Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Maj. Asa Rice, Maj. Jonah Howe, Lt. Daniel Noyes, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Dea. John Bragg.	John Rice, Lt. Silas Hemenway, Maj. Jonah Howe.	Dea. Jasper Stone.	Maj. Jonah Howe.

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1793. Thomas W. Ward.	Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Capt. Isaac Harrington, John Rice, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Jonathan Plympton, Aaron Smith.	John Rice, Lt. Silas Hemenway, Nathan Pratt.	Paul Knowlton.	Maj. Jonah Howe.
1794. Lt. Thomas W. Ward.	Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Asa Rice, Maj. Jonah Howe, Lt. Daniel Noyes, Dea. John Bragg, Lt. Nath'l Heywood.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Nathan Pratt, Calvin Newton.	Lt. Thomas W. Ward.	Maj. Jonah Howe.
1795. Col. Asa Rice.	Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Col. Asa Rice, Maj. Jonah Howe, Lt. Daniel Noyes, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Dea. John Bragg.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Nathan Pratt, Calvin Newton.	Lt. Thomas W. Ward.	Maj. Jonah Howe.
1796. Jonah Howe.	Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Col. Asa Rice, Maj. Jonah Howe, Lt. Daniel Noyes, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Dea. John Bragg.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Nathan Pratt, Calvin Newton.	Lt. Thos. W. Ward.	Maj. Jonah Howe.
1797. Col. Asa Rice.	Maj. Calvin Newton.	Col. Asa Rice, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Maj. Jonah Howe, Lt. Daniel Noyes, Maj. Calvin Newton.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Nathan Pratt, Vashni Hemenway.	Lt. Thos. W. Ward.	Maj. Jonah Howe.

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1798. John Rice.	Calvin Newton.	Col. Asa Rice, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Maj. Jonah Howe, Lt. Daniel Noyes, Calvin Newton.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Nathan Pratt, Vashni Hemenway.	Lt. Thos. W. Ward.	Maj. Jonah Howe.
1799. Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Vashni Hemenway.	Col. Asa Rice, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Maj. Jonah Howe, Lt. Daniel Noyes, Vashni Hemenway.	Maj. Jonah Howe, John Rice, FortunatusHarrington.	Lt. Thomas W. Ward,	Maj. Jonah Howe.
1800. Capt. Thos. Knowlton.	Vashni Hemenway.	Col. Asa Rice, Capt.Thos.Harrington, Vashni Hemenway, Lt. Thos. Witherby, Capt. Nathan Howe.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Nathan Pratt, FortunatusHarrington.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Maj. Jonah Howe.
1801. Capt. Nathan Howe.	Vashni Hemenway.	Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Capt.Thos.Harrington, Lt. Silas Hemenway, Vashni Hemenway, Capt. Nathan Howe.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Nathan Pratt, FortunatusHarrington.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Maj. Jonah Howe.
1802. Capt. Nathan Howe.	Vashni Hemenway.	Col. Asa Rice, Lt. Daniel Noyes, Capt. Nathan Howe, Vashni Hemenway, Lt. Thos. Witherby.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Nathan Pratt, Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Maj. Jonah Howe.

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1803. Col. Asa Rice.	Vashni Hemenway.	Col. Asa Rice, Maj. Jonah Howe, Capt. Thos. Knowlton. Capt.Thos.Harrington, Vashni Hemenway.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Nathan Pratt, FortunatusHarrington.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Maj. Jonah Howe.
1804. Capt. Nathan Howe.	Vashni Hemenway.	Col. Asa Rice, Maj. Jonah Howe, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Capt. Nathan Howe, Vashni Hemenway.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Nathan Pratt, Lt. Thos. Witherby.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Maj. Jonah Howe.
1805. Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Vashni Hemenway.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Capt.Thos.Harrington, Vashni Hemenway, Nathan Pratt.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Shepard Pratt, Lt. Fort. Harrington.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Maj. Jonah Howe.
1806. Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Vashni Hemenway.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Capt. Nathan Howe, Vashni Hemenway, Gershom Wheelock.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Vashni Hemenway, Gershom Wheelock.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Maj. Jonah Howe.
1807. Capt. Nathan Howe.	Vashni Hemenway,	Maj. Jonah Howe, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Lt. Daniel Noyes, Capt. Nathan Howe, Gershom Wheelock.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Shepard Pratt, Ebenezer Drury.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Maj. Jonah Howe.

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1808. Maj. Jonah Howe.	Vashni Hemenway.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Lt. Fort. Harrington, Samuel Haven, Gershom Wheelock.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Vashni Hemenway, Gershom Wheelock.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Vashni Hemenway.
1809. Capt. Nathan Howe.	Vashni Hemenway.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Gershom Wheelock, Samuel Haven, Capt. Charles Fay.	Maj. Jonah Howe, Capt. Nathan Howe, Capt. Jona. Nelson.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Vashni Hemenway.
1810. Capt. Nathan Howe.	Vashni Hemenway.	Jonah Howe, Esq. Capt. Thos. Knowlton, Gershom Wheelock, Samuel Haven, Capt. Charles Fay.	Jonah Howe, Esq. Capt. Nathan Howe, Shepard Pratt.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Vashni Hemenway.
1811. Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Vashni Hemenway.	Jonah Howe, Esq. Vashni Hemenway, Samuel Haven, Capt. Charles Fay, Shepard Pratt.	Nathan Pratt, Capt. Nathan Howe, Shepard Pratt.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Vashni Hemenway.
1812. Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Vashni Hemenway.	Jonah Howe, Esq. Vashni Hemenway, Samuel Haven, Capt. Charles Fay, Shepard Pratt.	Nathan Pratt, Capt. Nathan Howe, Prescott Brigham.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Vashni Hemenway.

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1813. Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Vashni Hemenway.	Jonah Howe, Esq. Samuel Haven, Capt. Charles Fay, Joseph Stone, Capt. Seth Hemenway.	Capt. Nathan Howe, Shepard Pratt, Nymphas Pratt.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Vashni Hemmenway.
1814. Capt. Nathan Howe.	Vashni Hemenway.	Vashni Hemenway, Nathan Pratt, Shepard Pratt, Col. Seth Wyman, Capt. G. Wheelock,2d.	Capt. Nathan Howe, Nymphas Pratt, Liberty Allen.	Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Jonah Howe, Esq.
1815. Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	V. Hemenway, Esq.	V. Hemenway, Esq. Samuel Haven, Capt. Ashbel Smith, Capt. G.Wheelock, 2d. Joel Nurse.	Capt. Nathan Howe, Nymphas Pratt, Josiah Stone.	Samuel Haven, Jr.	Samuel Haven.
1816. Capt. Nathan Howe.	V. Hemenway, Esq.	Capt. Nathan Howe, Shepard Pratt, Samuel Haven, Jonas Hastings, Ebenezer Drury.	Jonah Howe, Esq. Nymphas Pratt, Lyman Hastings.	Capt. Ashbel Smith.	Samuel Haven.
1817. Capt. Nathan Howe.	V. Hemenway, Esq.	Capt. Nathan Howe, Samuel Haven, Esq. Ephraim Hapgood, Ebenezer Drury, George Slocomb, Jr.	Balch Dean, Jacob Rice, Capt.T. Harrington, Jr.	Josiah Stone.	Samuel Haven, Esq.

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1818. Capt. Nathan Howe.	V. Hemenway, Esq.	Capt. Nathan Howe, Capt. Charles Fay, Ebenezer Drury, Ephraim Hapgood, Capt. T. Harrington, Jr.	Nymphas Pratt, Baleh Dean, Capt. Jacob Rice.	Josiah Stone.	
1819. Capt. Nathan Howe.	V. Hemenway, Esq.	Capt. Nathan Howe, Ebenezer Drury, Lt. Fort. Harrington, Shepard Pratt, Baleh Dean.	Col. Nymphas Pratt, Capt. T. Harrington, Jr. Capt. Jacob Rice.	Josiah Stone.	Capt. Nathan Howe.
1820. Nathan Pratt.	V. Hemenway, Esq.	Nathan Pratt, Lt. Fort. Harrington, Samuel Haven, Esq. Ephraim Hapgood, Capt. T. Harrington, Jr.	V. Hemenway, Esq. Capt. Jacob Rice, Dr. Seth Knowlton.	John Mason, Jr.	
1821. Thos. W. Ward, Esq.	Andrew H. Ward, Esq.	Nathan Howe, Esq. Lt. Fort. Harrington, Baleh Dean, Capt. T. Harrington, Jr. Col. Nymphas Pratt.	Nathan Pratt, Col. Jacob Rice, Benja. Maynard, Jr.	John Mason, Jr.	Delegate to Convention to amend the Constitution. Nathan Pratt.
1822. Nathan Howe, Esq.	Andrew H. Ward, Esq.	Lt. Fort. Harrington, Capt. T. Harrington, Jr. Baleh Dean, Col. Nymphas Pratt, John Mason, Jr.	Col. Jacob Rice, Benja. Maynard, Jr. Capt. John Bragg.	Ebenezer Drury.	Lt. Fort. Harrington.

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1823. Nathan Howe, Esq.	Andrew H. Ward, Esq.	Balch Dean, Col. Nymphas Pratt, John Mason, Jr. Shepard Pratt, Thomas Witherby, Jr.	Nathan Howe, Esq. Benja. Maynard, Jr. Capt. John Bragg.	Ebenezer Drury.	
1824. Col. Nymphas Pratt.	Andrew H. Ward, Esq.	Balch Dean, Lt. Fort. Harrington, John Mason, Jr. Capt. T. Harrington, Jr. Capt. John Bragg.	Col. Jacob Rice, Joel Nurse, Adam Harrington.	Col. Nymphas Pratt.	
1825. Col. Nymphas Pratt.	Andrew H. Ward, Esq.	Balch Dean, Lt. Fort. Harrington, Capt. T. Harrington, Jr. John Mason, Jr. Col. Jacob Rice.	Col. Jacob Rice, Capt. T. Harrington, Jr. Benja. Maynard, Jr.	Col. Nymphas Pratt.	
1826. Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	Andrew H. Ward, Esq.	Balch Dean. Fort. Harrington, Esq. Capt. T. Harrington, Jr. John Mason, Jr. Andrew H. Ward, Esq.	Col. Jacob Rice, Benja. Maynard, Jr. Capt. T. Harrington, Jr.	Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	Balch Dean,
1827. Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	Andrew H. Ward, Esq.	Balch Dean, Capt. T. Harrington, Jr. Ephraim Hapgood, Andrew H. Ward, Esq. Edw'd H. Hemenway.	Col. Jacob Rice, Benja. Maynard, Jr. Capt. T. Harrington, Jr.	Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	Nymphas Pratt, Esq. Col. Jacob Rice.

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1828. Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	Andrew H. Ward, Esq.	Balch Dean, Capt.T. Harrington, Jr. Ephraim Hapgood, Andrew H.Ward, Esq. Edw'd H. Hemenway,	Capt.T. Harrington,Jr. Benja. Maynard, Jr. Calvin R. Stone.	Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	
1829. Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	Henry Snow.	Balch Dean, Esq. Capt.T. Harrington,Jr. Ephraim Hapgood, Prescott Brigham, Henry Snow.	Capt.T. Harrington, Jr. Benja. Maynard, Jr. Adam Harrington.	Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	

In the early stage of the Revolution, the Provincial Congresses, by urgent recommendations, enjoined upon the several towns not only unusual duties, but the exercise of extraordinary power, even the Judicial power within their own limits. Their votes were laws, and the Selectmen and Committees of Correspondence enforced them promptly and effectually.

Although distinct in their official capacity, the latter were composed in part, not unfrequently, of the former; as Committees of Correspondence, they, under the direction of the town, entered the dwellings of their townsmen, if Tories, (and who *were Tories* each town was sole judge for itself,) and took from them their arms, ammunition and other warlike stores, confined them to their farms, parish or town limits, and even in jail, as directed by the town, and from its decision there was no appeal. Hence the duties devolving on the town authorities, at this period, were arduous and complicated, requiring of them in their performance constant service and unyielding firmness. As Selectmen, they were required, in behalf of the town, to provide and equip, from time to time, the town's quota of men, and furnish supplies of clothing and provisions for the army, and also for the support of the families of those who had gone to fight the battles of their country. And nobly, and to the extent of their power, did they perform that duty. At length, as demands for men and means increased, supplies decreased, until they were in a condition not unlike the Israelites of old, when required to make brick without straw, yet like them, they and their constituents persevered, trusting in God, and the righteousness of their cause, and triumphed at last; *unlike* them, however, in this, that instead of leaving the Egyptians *behind* them, they *drove them out of the country.*

The office of Selectman then was one of great labor, and, while the knowledge of the extent of that labor is fast passing away, a recurring thought to those trying times may serve to keep in remembrance the names and services of those to whom posterity is so much indebted.

With the exception of two years, the number of Selectmen in this town has been five; in 1776 there were *seven*, but as re-

sponsibility thereby became weakened, and a quorum for the transaction of business less easily obtained in an emergency, five were thought to be better than more.

The North Parish, having been incorporated into a town, by the name of Boylston, on the first day of March, 1786, only *three* Selectmen were chosen that year. For many years, and until the division of the town, three of the Selectmen were of the South and two of the North Parish; the first, and generally the third and fifth belonging to the former, and the second and fourth to the latter; of the three Assessors, the second was of the North Parish.

At the March meeting in 1787, a violent contest came on, and great was the strife exhibited in the choice of town officers. One day was spent in choosing a Moderator, Clerk, and Selectmen. At the adjourned meeting, the town voted to *reconsider* choosing those for Selectmen, and proceeded to choose another Board, which having done, they again adjourned, and at the next adjourned meeting all the Selectmen last chosen and the Clerk resigned their offices, and another Board, with all the usual town officers, was then chosen.

The probable cause of this difficulty was, that votes had been cast by some, who had been, by a then recent act of the Legislature, disqualified from voting, on account of their participation in the rebellion, which broke out in August, 1786, headed by Daniel Shays.

A large majority of the towns in this county and a majority of the voters in this town favored his views and not a few of them took up arms to compel the Government to redress their grievances.

This town was appointed the place of rendezvous for the insurgents, and here they assembled in large bodies, under arms, from various parts of the county. The town wore the appearance of a military camp; drilling of men, marching and countermarching up and down the principal streets in the town, accompanied by martial music and the rattling of arms, produced an alarm for the safety of our infant institutions.

The town magazine was broken open, and a portion of the town's stock of ammunition carried away; a massive body of lead belonging to the town, and in the custody of Col. Job Cushing, and by him used as a weight in drawing water from a well, was stolen and secreted for a short time in Daniel Holden's barn, when he, with another person, fearful of a discovery if it remained there, took it in a sleigh, in the night time, to Long Pond, and sunk it through a hole cut in the ice. This circumstance, known then to but few, has not probably been generally known to this day. No discovery was made of the offenders, notwithstanding the town offered a reward for that purpose. Some years after, Holden, from being a partizan in that cause, exerted himself against his old friends, and was said to have put more than one vote into the ballot box for the choice of Representative at the May meeting, in 1792, whereby the result of the election was conformable to his endeavors and wishes; of this alleged fraud he was accused on the spot in town meeting, by some of those against whom he acted. They afterwards complained of him to the Grand Jury, and procured him to be indited therefor. He was acquitted on trial, but whether guilty or not has been matter of doubt, for he had been strongly suspected of having done the like when acting in concert with his accusers. From that period animosity gradually subsided in town; the fire, that once blazed so fearfully, was in a short time nearly extinguished, and at length, by common consent, the brands being raked together and the ashes carefully drawn over them, peace and quietness returned.

By the lapse of time the events of that period have become so remote as to be generally known only as matter of history; as such, though a delicate subject, they should not be passed over in silence, in giving a faithful, though brief, account of the rise and growth of the town, and the events in which it has shared its part in common with others.

Of the twenty-three citizens of this county, who were indicted for treason, only one was from this town. He immediately left the State, and did not return until an act of amnesty was granted to all who had been concerned in the rebellion. Eighty were

indicted for treasonable practices, of whom there were none belonging here.

The late William Lincoln, Esquire, of Worcester, in his history of that town, has furnished an authentic and interesting account of the origin, progress and termination of that rebellion; the particulars of which should be known to all. They constitute an interesting, though painful, portion of Massachusetts history. A knowledge of the past is essential to the well being of the future.

I therefore trust I shall be pardoned by the reader for introducing him shortly to that collection of facts embodied by Mr. Lincoln, relating to the rebellion, and which he will find on the following pages.

In that way, while I hope to extend information important to be known, I shall relieve myself of the unenviable task of treating at length on a matter of great delicacy.

The Constitution of the United States was adopted in 1789, on the part of this State, by Delegates assembled in Convention. The majority for adopting it was fourteen. This town, by its Delegate, voted in the negative on that question.

A large majority of the Delegates from the towns in Worcester, Hampshire and Berkshire County voted against its adoption, but the question being carried in the affirmative, and certain amendments having been agreed upon to be recommended to be made a part of that instrument, a good degree of harmony prevailed to give it a fair trial.

Nevertheless, so great was the disagreement on this question, both in and out of the Convention, that two political parties soon grew out of it. Those in favor of the Constitution were denominated Federalists, and those opposed to it, Anti-federalists.

Hence the origin of political parties in this country, and which, whatever phases they have undergone, and by whatever names they have been designated, now, as then, differ in their construction of the extent of power granted in that instrument. Varying constructions have produced varying measures, as the different parties have had the ascendancy. And such, in all probability, will ever be the case. That the basis of disagreement

will rest on the construction that should and ought to be given to the Constitution.

Parties, merely as such, are not injurious to the public weal; they are, in the calm exercise of their rights, a public benefit—a blessing to any country. By gentle agitation they as much preserve the body politic from stagnation, as do the gentle breezes of the heavens prevent our ponds, by agitating their surfaces, from becoming living masses of putrefaction and corruption. Parties serve to purify the political atmosphere, as the winds do the air we breathe.

Without winds the trees would be short lived and of stinted growth; exercise is essential to their existence; nor without them would vessels be wafted to their destined ports. Would it be wise in us then to dispense with them, if in our power, merely because they sometimes, in their fury, endanger our property, and even our lives? The elements will have their freaks, and who shall say to party spirit, thus far thou may go, but no farther?

Without parties, no human government could long endure. It is only when party spirit is lashed into a frenzy, that it becomes dangerous by reason of its ungovernable fury.

INSURRECTION.

FROM LINCOLN'S HISTORY OF WORCESTER.

The struggles of the Revolution had scarce terminated, before disturbances arose among the people, which, in their progress, brought the Commonwealth to the very verge of ruin.

Could the existence of insurrection and rebellion be effaced from memory, it would be wanton outrage to recall from oblivion the tale of misfortune and dishonor. But these events cannot be forgotten: they have floated down in tradition: they are recounted by the winter fire-side, in the homes of New England: they are inscribed on roll and record in the archives and annals of the State. History, the mirror of the past, reflects, with painful fidelity, the dark as well as the bright objects from departed years, and although we may wish to contemplate only the glowing picture of patriotism and prosperity, the gloomy image of civil commotion is still full in our sight, shadowing the back ground with its solemn admonition.

The investigation of the causes of the unhappy tumults of 1786, does not belong to the narrative of their local effects on one of the principal scenes of action. But it would be great injustice to omit the statement, that circumstances existed, which palliate, though they do not justify, the conduct of those who took up arms against the government of their own establishment. After eight years of war, Massachusetts stood, with the splendor of triumph, in republican poverty, bankrupt in resources, with no revenue but of an expiring currency, and no metal in her treasury more precious than the continental copper, bearing the devices of union and freedom. The country had been drained by taxation for the support of the army of independence, to the ut-

most limit of its means; public credit was extinct, manners had become relaxed, trade decayed, manufactures languishing, paper money depreciated to worthlessness, claims on the nation accumulated by the commutation of the pay of officers for securities, and a heavy and increasing pressure of debt rested on Commonwealth, corporations, and citizens. The first reviving efforts of commerce overstocked the markets with foreign luxuries and superfluities, sold to those who trusted to the future to supply the ability of payment. The temporary act of 1782, making property a tender in discharge of pecuniary contracts, instead of the designed remedial effect, enhanced the evils of general insolvency, by postponing collections. The outstanding demands of the royalist refugees, who had been driven from large estates and extensive business, enforced with no lenient forbearance, came in to increase the embarrassments of the deferred pay day. At length, a flood of suits broke out. In 1784, more than 2000 actions were entered in the County of Worcester, then having a population less than 50,000, and in 1785, about 1700. Lands and goods were seized and sacrificed on sale, when the general difficulties drove away purchasers. Amid the universal distress, artful and designing persons discerned prospect for advancement, and fomented the discontent by inflammatory publications and seditious appeals to every excitable passion and prejudice. The Constitution was misrepresented as defective, the administration as corrupt, the laws as unequal and unjust. The celebrated papers of Honestus directed jealousy towards the judicial tribunals, and thundered anathemas against the lawyers, unfortunately for them, the immediate agents and ministers of creditors. Driven to despair by the actual evil of enormous debt, and irritated to madness by the increasing clamor about supposed grievances, it is scarcely surprising that a suffering and deluded people should have attempted relief, without considering that the misery they endured, was the necessary result from the confusion of years of warfare.*

* Could we roll back the tide of time, till its retiring wave left bare the rocks on which the Commonwealth was so nearly wrecked, it is not improbable, we should discover, that a loftier and more dangerous ambition, and wider, deeper, and more

Before the close of the revolutionary contest, whose pressure had united all by the tie of common danger, indications of discontent had been manifested. The acts of the legislature had excited temporary and local uneasiness in former years, as the operation of laws conflicted with the views of expediency or interest entertained by the village politicians. But in 1782, complaints arose of grievances, springing from the policy and administration of government, of more general character. On the 14th of April, of that year, the delegates of twenty-six towns of the county assembled in convention, and attributing the prevailing dissatisfaction of the people to want of confidence in the disbursement of the great sums of money annually assessed, recommended instructions to the representatives, to require immediate settlement with all public officers entrusted with the funds of the Commonwealth; and if the adjustment was delayed or refused, to withdraw from the General Court, and return to their constituents; to reduce the compensation of the members of the House, and the fees of lawyers; to procure sessions of the Court of Probate in different places in the county; the revival of confessions of debt; enlargement of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace to £20: contribution to the support of the continental army in specific articles instead of money: and the settlement of accounts between the Commonwealth and Congress. At an adjourned session, May 14, they further recommended, that account of the public expenditures should be annually rendered to the towns; the removal of the General Court from Boston; separation of the business of the Common Pleas and Sessions, and inquiry into the grants of lands in Maine, in favor of Alexander Shepherd and others. Worcester was represented in these assemblies, and in the instructions to Samuel Curtis, Esq., framed

unhallowed purposes, urged on and sustained the men who were pushed into the front rank of rebellion, than came from the limited capacity of their own minds. We might find that the accredited leaders of 1786, were only humble instruments of stronger spirits, waiting, in concealment, the results of the tempest they had roused. Fortunately, the energy of government, gave to rising revolution the harmless character of crushed insurrection, saved to after years the inquiry for the Catalines of the young republic, and left to us the happy privilege of receiving the coin, impressed with the mark of patriotism, at its stamped value, without testing its deficiency of weight, or assaying the metal to determine the mixture of alloy.

in accordance with their resolutions, on the 8th of June, the town represented as additional grievances, that the Treasurer held the office of Justice of the Common Pleas in Middlesex, interfering with the discharge of his general duties; and the proposition for the allowance of half pay for life to the officers deranged on the new organization of the army, and not in service. Some of the complaints were quieted by legal provisions, and when the convention was appointed to be again held by adjournment, in August, the few discontented persons in attendance dispersed without transacting business.*

The murmurs of the coming storm were first heard here, early in 1784. On the invitation of Sutton to each town of the county, the capital sent delegates to a convention, held in March, of that year, of which Ebenezer Davis, Esq. was President. Although assembled for the professed purpose of considering the expediency of an excise duty alone, the inquiries of this body were more extensive in pursuit of existing evils. When the result of its deliberations was communicated to the inhabitants of Worcester, they adopted for themselves the petition prepared for general acceptance, representing as grievances, the grant to Congress of an impost for twenty-five years to discharge the interest accruing on State securities; the payment from the treasury of the expenses of festive days of rejoicing; large compensation to officers of the continental army; neglect to redeem the paper currency; the want of a circulating medium; and the impaired state of credit. The representative of the town was instructed to endeavor to procure the removal of the General Court from Boston to some country town, where it would be secure from improper influences; and to cause an account of the debts, revenues and charges of government to be published annually. These complaints, unnoticed by the Legislature, seemed to be hushed and quieted by the very neglect they experienced.

*"While the great body of the people desired only escape from impending suits, without premeditated malice against the Commonwealth or its institutions, every trivial cause was magnified and perverted to increase the existing irritation, till, under the influence of delusion, a deadly blow was struck at both." MSS. Centennial Address of Hon. John Davis.

But the spirit of discontent, though stilled, was not extinct. It spread wider and deeper, and grew stronger in the minds of men, and its voice was again heard. In May, 1786, another invitation from Sutton, for a general meeting, was circulated, and passed over here without attention. The delegates of 17 towns, however, formed a convention at Leicester, and elected Willis Hall, of Sutton, its President. As the attendance was thin, letters were addressed to Worcester, and the other towns of the county, unrepresented, requesting their participation, and an adjournment took place to the 15th of August following. Our inhabitants, at a meeting held on this application, determined, by a great majority, not to comply; on the grounds, that the body from which it emanated was not recognized by the Constitution, and that its session was unnecessary and illegal. Thirty-seven towns appeared, by their representatives, when the convention was reorganized at Leicester. It is not uninteresting to notice the gradual increase of alleged evils in its doings. In 1784 the list was brief. In 1786, without essential change in policy or condition, it had swelled to voluminous extent. In addition to the grievances already stated, they enumerated among the sources of uneasiness, abuses in the practice of the law; exorbitance of the items in the fee bill; the existence and administration of the Courts of Common Pleas and Sessions; the number and salaries of public officers; grants to the Attorney General; and to Congress, while the State accounts remained unliquidated. A committee was instructed to report a memorial, at another session, to be had, by adjournment, in Paxton, on the last Tuesday of September.

Thus far, redress had been sought by the constitutional appeal of the citizen to the Legislature. The recorded proceedings of the convention are of a pacific character, expressing disapprobation of combinations, mobs and riots: yet it is probable, that during the period of its consultations, the bold design was originated, by the most violent of its members, of resisting the execution of the laws and suspending the operation of courts. Soon after the first meeting, it was stated, in the paper of the town, printed by Mr. Thomas, that apprehensions existed of obstruc-

tion to the Common Pleas, in June. The first open act of insurrection followed close upon the adjournment of the convention, in August.

Although warning of danger had been given, confiding in the loyalty of the people, their love of order, and respect for the laws, the officers of government had made no preparations to support the court, to be held in Worcester, in September, 1786. On Monday night, of the first week in that month, a body of eighty armed men, under Capt. Adam Wheeler, of Hubbardston, entered the town and took possession of the Court House. Early the next morning, their numbers were augmented to nearly one hundred, and as many more collected without fire arms. The Judges of the Common Pleas had assembled at the house of the Hon. Joseph Allen. At the usual hour, with the Justices of the Sessions, and the members of the bar, attended by the clerk and sheriff, they moved towards the Court House. Chief Justice Artemas Ward, a general of the Revolution, united intrepid firmness with prudent moderation. His resolute and manly bearing, on that day of difficulty and embarrassment, sustained the dignity of the office he bore, and commanded the respect even of his opponents. On him devolved the responsibility of an occasion affecting deeply the future peace of the community, and it was supported well and ably.

On the verge of the crowd thronging the hill, a sentinel was pacing on his round, who challenged the procession as it approached his post. Gen. Ward sternly ordered the soldier, formerly a subaltern of his own particular regiment, to recover his levelled musket. The man, awed by the voice he had been accustomed to obey, instantly complied, and presented his piece, in military salute, to his old commander. The Court, having received the honors of war, from him who was planted to oppose their advance, went on. The multitude, receding to the right and left, made way in sullen silence, till the judicial officers reached the Court House. On the steps was stationed a file of men with fixed bayonets: on the front, stood Captain Wheeler, with his drawn sword. The crier was directed to open the doors, and permitted to throw them back, displaying a party of infantry,

with their guns levelled, as if ready to fire. Judge Ward then advanced, and the bayonets were turned against his breast. He demanded, repeatedly, who commanded the people there; by what authority, and for what purpose, they had met in hostile array. Wheeler at length replied: after disclaiming the rank of leader, he stated, that they had come to relieve the distresses of the country, by preventing the sittings of courts until they could obtain redress of grievances. The Chief Justice answered, that he would satisfy them their complaints were without just foundation. He was told by Capt. Smith, of Barre, that any communication he had to make must be reduced to writing. Judge Ward indignantly refused to do this: he said, he "did not value their bayonets: they might plunge them to his heart: but while that heart beat he would do his duty: when opposed to it, his life was of little consequence: if they would take away their bayonets and give him some position where he could be heard by his fellow citizens, and not by the leaders alone, who had deceived and deluded them, he would speak, but not otherwise." The insurgent officers, fearful of the effect of his determined manner on the minds of their followers, interrupted. They did not come there, they said, to listen to long speeches, but to resist oppression: they had the power to compel submission: and they demanded, an adjournment without day. Judge Ward peremtorily refused to answer any proposition, unless it was accompanied by the name of him by whom it was made. They then desired him to fall back: the drum was beat, and the guard ordered to charge. The soldiers advanced, until the points of their bayonets pressed hard upon the breast of the Chief Justice, who stood as immoveable as a statue, without stirring a limb, or yielding an inch, although the steel, in the hands of desperate men, penetrated his dress. Struck with admiration by his intrepidity, and shrinking from the sacrifice of life, the guns were removed, and Judge Ward, ascending the steps, addressed the assembly.

In a style of clear and forcible argument, he examined their supposed grievances; exposed their fallacy; explained the dangerous tendency of their rash measures; admonished them that they were placing in peril the liberty acquired by the efforts and

sufferings of years, plunging the country in civil war, and involving themselves and their families in misery: that the measures they had taken must defeat their own wishes; for the government would never yield that to force, which would be readily accorded to respectful representations: and warned them that the majesty of the laws would be vindicated, and their resistance of its power avenged. He spoke nearly two hours, not without frequent interruption. But admonition and argument were unavailing: the insurgents declared they would maintain their ground until satisfaction was obtained. Judge Ward, addressing himself to Wheeler, advised him to suffer the troops to disperse: "they were waging war, which was treason, and its end would be," he added, after a momentary pause, "the gallows." The judges then retired, unmolested, through armed files. Soon after, the Court was opened at the United States Arms Tavern,* and immediately adjourned to the next day. Orders were despatched to the colonels in the brigade to call out their regiments, and march, without a moment's delay, to sustain the judicial tribunals: but that right arm on which the government rests for defence was paralyzed: in this hour of its utmost need, the militia shared in the disaffection, and the officers reported, that it was out of their power to muster their companies, because they generally favored those movements of the people directed against the highest civil institutions of the State, and tending to the subversion of social order.

In the afternoon of Tuesday, a petition was presented from Athol, requesting that no judgments should be rendered in civil actions, except where debts would be lost by delay, and no trials had unless with the consent of the parties; a course corresponding with the views entertained by the Court. Soon after, Capt. Smith, of Barre, unceremoniously introduced himself to the judges, with his sword drawn, and offered a paper purporting to be the petition of "the body of people now collected for their own good and that of the Commonwealth," requiring an adjournment of the Courts without day. He demanded, in a threatening manner, an answer in half an hour. Judge Ward, with great

* On the site of the Exchange Coffee House, 1836.

dignity, replied, that no answer would be given, and the intruder retired. An interview was solicited, during the evening, by a committee, who were informed that the officers of government would make no promises to men in hostile array: an intimation was given that the request of the people of Athol was considered reasonable: and the conference terminated. A report of the result was made to the insurgents, who voted it was unsatisfactory, and resolved to remain until the following day.

During the night, the Court House was guarded in martial form: sentinels were posted along the front of the building, and along Main Street: the men not on duty, bivouaced in the hall of justice, or sought shelter with their friends. In the first light of morning, the whole force paraded on the hill, and was harrangued by the leaders. In the forenoon, a new deputation waited on the Court, with a repetition of the former demand, and received a similar reply. The justices assured the committee, if the body dispersed, the people of the county would have no just cause of complaint with the course the Court would adopt. The insurgents, reinforced with about two hundred from Holden and Ward, now mustered four hundred strong, half with fire arms, and the remainder furnished with sticks. They formed in column, and marched through Main Street, with their music, inviting all who sought relief from oppression to join their ranks, but receiving no accessions of recruits from our citizens, they returned to the Court House. Sprigs of evergreen had been distributed, and mounted as the distinctive badge of rebellion, and a young pine tree was elevated at their post as the standard of revolt.

The Court, at length, finding that no reliance could be placed on military support, and no hope entertained of being permitted to proceed with business, adjourned, continuing all causes to the next term. Proclamation was made by the sheriff to the people, and a copy of the record communicated. After this, about two hundred men, with sticks only, paraded before the house of Mr. Allen, where the justices had retired, and halted nearly an hour, as if meditating some act of violence. The main body then marched down, and passing through the other party, whose open ranks closed after them, the whole moved to the common, where

they displayed into line, and sent another committee to the Court.

The sessions, considering their deliberations controlled by the mob, deemed it expedient to follow the example of the superior tribunal, by an adjournment to the 21st of November. When the insurgent adjutant presented a paper, requiring it should be without fixed day, Judge Ward replied, the business was finished and could not be changed.

Before night closed down, the Regulators, as they styled themselves, dispersed; and thus terminated the first interference of the citizens in arms with the course of justice. Whatever fears might have been entertained of future disastrous consequences, their visit brought with it no terror, and no apprehension for personal safety to their opposers. Both parties, indeed, seemed more inclined to hear than strike. The conduct of Judge Ward was dignified and spirited, in a situation of great embarrassment. His own deprecation, that the sun might not shine on the day when the Constitution was trampled on with impunity, seemed to be realized. Clouds, darkness and storm brooded over the meeting of the insurgents, and rested on their tumultuary assemblies in the county at subsequent periods.

The state of feeling here, was unfavorably influenced by the success of the insurgents. At a meeting of the inhabitants, on the 25th of September, delegates were elected to the county convention at Paxton, with instructions to report their doings to the town. The list of grievances received some slight additions from this assembly. The delay and expense of Courts of Probate, the manner of recording deeds in one general office of registry, instead of entering them on the books of the town where the land was situated, and the right of absentees to sue for the collection of debts, were the subjects of complaint in a petition, concluding with the request that precepts might be issued for meetings, to express public sentiment in relation to a revision of the Constitution, and if two-thirds of the qualified voters were in favor of amendment, that a State Convention might be called. The existence of this body was continued by an adjournment to Worcester. The petition was immediately forwarded to the

General Court. A copy was subsequently submitted to the town, at a meeting held October 2, for the purpose of receiving a report from the delegates. It was then voted, "That Mr. Daniel Baird be requested to inform the town whether this petition was according to his mind, and he informed the town it was: but that he did not approve of its being sent to the General Court before it had been laid before the town." The petition was read paragraph by paragraph, rejected, and the delegates dismissed.

On the 16th of October, in compliance with the request of 34 freeholders, another town meeting was called: after long and warm debate, the former delegates were reelected, to attend the convention, at its adjourned session. A petition had been offered, praying consideration of the measures proper in the alarming situation of the country, and for instructions to the representative to inquire into the expenditure of public money, the salaries of officers, the means of increasing manufactures, encouraging agriculture, introducing economy, and removing every grievance. Directions were given to endeavor to procure the removal of the Legislature from the metropolis to the interior; the annihilation of the Inferior Courts; the substitution of a cheaper and more expeditious administration of justice; the immediate repeal of the supplementary fund granted to Congress; the appropriation of the revenue, arising from impost and excise, to the payment of the foreign debt; and the withholding all supplies from Congress until settlement of accounts between the Commonwealth and Continent. Resolutions, introduced by the supporters of government, expressing disapprobation of unconstitutional assemblies, armed combinations, and riotous movements, and pointing to the Legislature as the only legitimate source of redress, were rejected. The convention party was triumphant by a small majority. While the discussion was urged, a considerate citizen inquired of one of the most zealous of the discontented, what grievances he suffered, and what were the principal evils among them? "There are grievances enough, thank God!" was the hasty reply, "and they are all principal ones."

The jurisdiction of the sessions was principally over criminal offences, and its powers were exercised for the preservation of social order. No opposition had been anticipated to its session, on the 21st of November, and no defensive preparations were made. On that day, about sixty armed men, under Abraham Gale, of Princeton, entered the north part of the town. During the evening, and on Wednesday morning, about one hundred more arrived, from Hubbardston, Shrewsbury, and some adjacent towns. A committee presented a petition to the Court, at the United States Arms Tavern, for their adjournment, until a new choice of representatives, which was not received. The insurgents then took possession of the ground around the Court House. When the Justices approached, the armed men made way, and they passed through the opening ranks to the steps. There, triple rows of bayonets presented to their breasts, opposed farther advance. The Sheriff, Col. William Greenleaf, of Lancaster, addressed the assembled crowd, stating the danger to themselves and the public from their lawless measures. Reasoning and warning were ineffectual, and the proclamation in the riot act was read for their dispersion. Amid the grave solemnity of the scene, some incidents were interposed of lighter character. Col. Greenleaf remarked with great severity on the conduct of the armed party around him. One of the leaders replied, they sought relief from grievances: that among the most intolerable of them was the sheriff himself: and next to his person, were his fees, which were exorbitant and excessive, particularly on criminal executions. "If you consider fees for executions oppressive," replied the sheriff, irritated by the attack, "you need not wait long for redress; for I will hang you all, gentlemen, for nothing, with the greatest pleasure." Some hand among the crowd, which pressed close, placed a pine branch on his hat, and the county officer retired, with the justices, decorated with the evergreen badge of rebellion. The clerk entered on his records, that the court was prevented from being held by an armed force, the only notice contained on their pages that our soil has ever been dishonored by resistance of the laws.

To this period, the indulgence of government had dealt with its revolted subjects as misguided citizens, seduced to acts of violence from misconception of the sources of their distress. Conciliatory policy had applied remedial statutes wherever practicable, and proffered full pardon and indemnity for past misconduct. Reasonable hopes were entertained that disaffection, quieted by lenient measures, would lay down the arms assumed under strong excitement, and that reviving order would rise from the confusion. But the insurgents, animated by temporary success, and mistaking the mildness of forbearance for weakness or fear, had extended their designs from present relief to permanent change. Their early movements were without further object than to stay that flood of executions which wasted their property and made their homes desolate. That portion of the community, who condemned the violence of the actors in the scenes we have described, sympathized in their sufferings, and were disposed to consider the offences venial, while the professed purpose of their commission was merely to obtain the delay necessary for seeking constitutional redress. All implicated, stood on safe and honorable ground, until the renewal, on the 21st of November, of the opposition to the administration of justice. Defiance of the authority of the State could no longer be tolerated without the prostration of its institutions. The crisis had arrived, when government, driven to the utmost limit of concession, must appeal to the sword for preservation, even though its destroying edge, turned on the citizen, might be crimsoned with civil slaughter. Information was communicated to the executive of extensive levies of troops for the suppression of the Judiciary, and the coercion of the Legislature. Great exertions were making to prevent the approaching session of the Court of Common Pleas, in Worcester, in the first week of December. Gov. Bowdoin and the council, resolved to adopt vigorous measures to overawe the insurgents. Orders were issued to Major General Warner, to call out the militia of his division, and five regiments were directed to hold themselves in instant readiness to march. Doubts, however, arose, how far reliance could be placed on the troops of an infected district. The sheriff reported, that a sufficient force could not be collected.

The first instructions were therefore countermanded, a plan having been settled to raise an army whose power might effectually crush resistance, and the judges were advised to adjourn to the 23d of January following, when the contemplated arrangements could be matured to terminate the unhappy troubles.

The insurgents, unapprised of the change of operations, began to concentrate their whole strength to interrupt the courts at Worcester and Concord. They had fixed on Shrewsbury, as the place of rendezvous. On the 29th of November, a party of forty, from Barre, Spencer and Leicester, joined Capt. Wheeler, who had established his head quarters in that town during the preceding week, and succeeded in enlisting about thirty men. Daniel Shays, the reputed commander-in-chief, and nominal head of the rebellion, made his first public appearance in the county soon after, with troops from Hampshire. Reinforcements came in, till the number at the post exceeded four hundred. Sentinels stopped and examined travellers, and patrols were sent out towards Concord, Cambridge and Worcester. On Thursday, November 30, information was received, that the Light Horse, under Col. Hitchborn, had captured Shattuck, Parker and Paige, and that a detachment of cavalry was marching against themselves. This intelligence disconcerted their arrangements for an expedition into Middlesex, and they retreated, in great alarm, to Holden. On Friday, Wheeler was in a house passed by the horsemen, and only escaped from being captured by accident. Another person, supposed to be commander, was pursued, and received a sabre cut in the hand. The blow was slight, but afforded sufficient foundation for raising the cry that blood had been shed, and rousing passion to vengeance. The wounded insurgent was exhibited and bewailed as the martyr of their cause. As the Light Horse retired, it was discovered they did not exceed twenty. About a hundred of Shays's men rallied, and returned to Shrewsbury, following a foe whose celerity of movement left no cause to fear they could be brought to an encounter. Search was made for the town stock of powder, removed by the vigilance of one of the selectmen, Col. Cushing, whose house they surrounded, and whose person they endeavored to seize, but

he escaped. Consultation was held on the expediency of marching directly to Worcester, and encamping before the Court House. Without clothing to protect them from cold, without money, or food to supply the wants of hunger, it was considered impracticable to maintain themselves there, and on Saturday, they marched to Grafton, and went into quarters with their friends.

The party left at Holden, found one object of their meeting, the junction with the insurgents at Concord, frustrated. Those who belonged to the neighboring towns were therefore dismissed, with orders to assemble in Worcester on Monday following. Shays retired to the barracks in Rutland, and sent messengers to hasten on the parties from Berkshire and Hampshire, in anticipation of meeting the militia of government at Worcester.

On Sunday evening, the detachment from Grafton entered the town, under the command of Abraham Gale, of Princeton, Adam Wheeler, of Hubbardston, Simeon Hazeltine, of Hardwick, and John Williams, reputed to be a deserter from the British army, and once a serjeant of the continental line. They halted before the Court House, and having obtained the keys, placed a strong guard around the building, and posted sentinels on all the streets and avenues of the town to prevent surprise. Those who were off duty, rolling themselves in their blankets, rested on their arms, on the floor of the Court room.

However the fidelity of Worcester might have wavered, its citizens had now become aware of the peril of their rights, when the mustering power of rebellion was attempting to upheave the foundations of government. The whole military strength of the town rallied to its support. Two full companies of our militia, enrolling one hundred and seventy, rank and file, paraded on Monday, at the South Meeting House, under the senior captain, Joel Howe. In the afternoon, they formed in column, and marched down Main Street. On approaching the United States Arms tavern, the head quarters of the insurgents, the drums beat to arms, and their lines were formed across the road. Capt. Howe, advancing in slow time, sent forward an adjutant to demand by what authority the highways were obstructed. A contemptuous answer was returned, that he might come and see.

Another officer was detached, to order them to remove, as the militia intended to pass over the ground they occupied: the reply was, they might pass if they could. Capt. Howe then halted, and addressed his men in an animating tone, expressing his determination to proceed, and his reliance on their intrepidity. The bayonets were fixed and the company then advanced: in a few paces they came to the position for a charge. The front rank of the insurgents stood in readiness to use their muskets, while the band of Captain Howe moved steadily down upon their line. For a moment, civil war seemed about to drench our streets in blood. Veterans of the revolution were arrayed on both sides, who had been too often amid the shot of battle, to shrink from danger in any form. Fortunately, the insurgents were not prepared to stain their cause by the slaughter of their brethren. Their line wavered, and breaking, by a rapid wheel, gained a new position on the hill. The militia went by their post, to the Hancock Arms,* beyond the North Square. It is doing no injustice to their gallantry to believe, their congratulations were sincere on the innocent result of appearances so menacing. After brief rest, they returned, and were dismissed, until the next morning, with merited commendations. Their spirited conduct was productive of salutary effects. It ascertained, that their opponents were too apprehensive of consequences to support their demands by force, and the dread their formidable array might have inspired, was changed to contempt and derision of their pretensions.

As the evening closed in, one of the most furious snow storms of a severe winter commenced. One division of the insurgents occupied the Court House: another sought shelter at the Hancock Arms. The sentinels, chilled by the tempest, and imagining themselves secured by its violence from attack, joined their comrades around the fire of the guard room. The young men of the town, in the spirit of sportive mischief, contrived to carry away their muskets, incautiously stacked in the entry-way, and having secreted them at a distance, raised the alarm that the

* This building was afterwards the Brown & Butman Tavern, and destroyed by fire, Dec. 24, 1824.

Light Horse were upon them. The party sallied out in confusion, and panic struck at the silent disappearance of their arms, fled through the fast falling snow to the Court House, where their associates had paraded. The guns were discovered, at length, and the whole force remained, ready for action, several hours, frequently disturbed by the fresh outcries of their vexatious persecutors.

The increasing fury of the storm, and the almost impassable condition of the roads, did not prevent the arrival of many from Holden and the vicinity, on Tuesday, swelling the numerical force of malcontents to five hundred. The Court was opened at the Sun Tavern,* and in conformity with the instructions of the Governor, adjourned to the 23d of January, without attempting to transact business. Petitions from committees of Sutton and Douglass, that the next session might be postponed to March, were disregarded.

Worcester assumed the appearance of a garrisoned town. The citizens answered to the frequent challenges of military guards: the traveller was admonished to stay his steps by the voice and bayonet of the soldier. Sentries paced before the house of Mr. Allen, the clerk, where Judge Ward resided, and the former gentleman was threatened with violence on his own threshold. Mr. Justice Washburn, of Leicester, was opposed on his way, and two of his friends, who seized the gun presented to his breast, were arrested and detained in custody. Justice Baker, on his return homeward, was apprehended in the road, and some of his captors suggested the propriety of sending him to prison, to experience the corrective discipline, to which, as a magistrate, he had subjected others.

On Tuesday evening, a council of war was convened, and it was seriously determined to march to Boston, and effect the liberation of the State prisoners, as soon as sufficient strength could be collected. In anticipation of attack, the Governor gathered the means of defence around the metropolis. Guards were mounted at the prison, and at the entrances of the city: alarm

* United States Hotel, 1836.

posts were assigned; and Major General Brooks held the militia of Middlesex contiguous to the road, in readiness for action, and watched the force at Worcester.

During the evening of Tuesday, an alarm broke out, more terrific to the party quartered at the Hancock Arms, than that which had disturbed the repose of the preceding night. Soon after partaking the refreshment which was sometimes used by the military, before the institution of temperance societies, several of the men were seized with violent sickness, and a rumor spread, that poison had been mingled with the fountain which supplied their water. Dr. Samuel Stearns of Paxton, astrologer, almanac manufacturer, and quack by profession, detected in the sediment of the cups they had drained, a substance, which he unhesitatingly pronounced to be a compound of arsenic and antimony, so deleterious, that a single grain would extinguish the lives of a thousand. The numbers of the afflicted increased with frightful rapidity, and the symptoms grew more fearful. It was suddenly recollected that the sugar used in their beverage had been purchased from a respectable merchant of the town,* whose attachment to government was well known, and the sickness around was deemed proof conclusive that it had been adulterated for their destruction. A file of soldiers seized the seller, and brought him to answer for the supposed attempt to murder the levies of rebellion. As he entered the house, the cry of indignation rose strong. Fortunately for his safety, Dr. Green, of Ward, an intelligent practitioner of medicine, arrived, and the execution of vengeance was deferred until his opinion of its propriety could be obtained. After careful inspection of the suspected substance, and subjecting it to the test of different senses, he declared, that to the best of his knowledge, it was genuine, yellow, Scotch *snuff*. The reputed dying raised their heads from the floor: the slightly affected recovered: the gloom which had settled heavily on the supposed victims of mortal disease was dispelled, and the illness soon vanished. Strict inquiry furnished a reasonable explanation: a clerk in the store of the

* The late Daniel Waldo, (Sen.) Esq.

merchant had opened a package of the fragrant commodity, in the vicinity of the sugar barrel, and a portion of the odoriferous leaf, had, inadvertently, been scattered from the counter into its uncovered head. A keg of spirit was accepted in full satisfaction for the panic occasioned by the decoction of tobacco so innocently administered.

Bodies of militia, anxious to testify their reviving zeal, were toiling through the deep snow drifts. Gen. Warner, finding that no benefit could be derived from their presence, sent orders for their return to their homes, and the insurgents enjoyed the triumph of holding undisputed possession of the town.

On Wednesday, December 6, they went out to meet Shays, who arrived from Rutland, with 350 men. As they re-entered the street, the appearance of the column of 800 was highly imposing. The companies included many who had learned their tactics from Steuben, and served an apprenticeship of discipline in the ranks of the revolution: war worn veterans, who in a good cause, would have been invincible. The pine tuft supplied the place of plume in their hats. Shays, with his aid, mounted on white horses, led on the van. They displayed into line before the Court House, where they were reviewed and inspected. The men were then billeted on the inhabitants. No compulsion was used: where admittance was peremptorily refused, they quietly retired, and sought food and shelter elsewhere. Provision having been made for the soldiers, Shays joined the other leaders in council. At night, he was attended to his quarters, at the house of the late Col. Samuel Flagg, by a strong guard, preceded by the music of the army, with something of the state assumed by a general officer. Precautions against surprise were redoubled. Chains of sentinels were stretched along the streets, planted in every avenue of approach, and on the neighboring hills, examining all who passed. The cry of "all's well," rose on the watches of the night, from those whose presence brought danger to the Commonwealth.

Committees from some of the neighboring towns, and many of the prominent members of the conventions, assembled with the military leaders, on Thursday, the 6th of December. Their de-

liberations were perplexed and discordant. The inclemency of the weather had prevented the arrival of the large force expected. The impossibility of retaining the men who had assembled, without munitions, subsistence, or stores, compelled them to abandon the meditated attack on Boston, then put in a posture of defence, and more pacific measures were finally adopted. A petition was prepared for circulation, remonstrating against the suspension of the habeas corpus writ; asking for the pardon and release of the prisoners; a new act of amnesty; the adjournment of courts until the session of the new Legislature in May; and expressing their readiness to lay down their arms on compliance with these demands. In the afternoon, Shays's men and part of Wheeler's, to the number of 500, began their march for Paxton, on their way to the barracks in Rutland. About a hundred more retired to the north part of the town.

Friday was spent in consultation. Aware that public sentiment was setting against them with strong reaction, the mercy which had been rejected was now supplicated. Letters were addressed to each town of the county, inviting the inhabitants to unite in their petitions. Shays himself, in a private conference with an acquaintance, made use of these expressions: "For God's sake, have matters settled peaceably; it was against my inclinations I undertook this business; importunity was used which I could not withstand; but I heartily wish it was well over."

In the evening, the Court House was abandoned, but sentries were posted at almost every door of the outside and interior of the public house, where the leaders remained in consultation.

Another snow storm commenced on Saturday morning. Luke Day, with 150 men from Hampshire, reached Leicester, but was unable to proceed in the tempest. About noon, all the insurgents in Worcester paraded before their head quarters, and were dismissed. The companies of Ward, Holden, Spencer, Rutland, Barre, and Petersham, after moving slowly through Main Street, in distinct bodies, took up the line of march for their respective homes, through roads choked with drifts.

The condition of these deluded men during their stay here, was such as to excite compassion rather than fear. Destitute of almost every necessary of life, in an inclement season, without money to purchase the food which their friends could not supply, unwelcome guests in the quarters they occupied, pride restrained the exposure of their wants. Many must have endured the gnawings of hunger in our streets: yet, standing with arms in their hands, enduring privations in the midst of plenty, they took nothing by force, and trespassed on no man's rights by violence: some declared they had not tasted bread for twenty-four hours; all who made known their situation, were relieved by our citizens with liberal charity.

The forlorn condition of the insurgents was deepened by the distresses of their retreat. Their course was amid the wildest revelry of storm and wind, in a night of intense cold. Some were frozen to death by the way: others, exhausted with struggling through the deep and drifted snow, sunk down, and would have perished but for the aid of their stouter comrades: when relief was sought among the farm houses, every door was opened at the call of misery, and the wrongs done by the rebel were forgotten in the sufferings of him who claimed hospitality as a stranger.

The whole number assembled at Worcester never exceeded a thousand. The spirit animating the first movements had grown cold, and Shays expressed to an acquaintance here, the impression that the cause had become gloomy and hopeless. In conversation with an officer of government, he disclaimed being at the head of the rebellion; declared he had come to the resolution to have nothing more to do with stopping courts: that if he could not obtain pardon, he would gather the whole force he could command, and fight to the last extremity, rather than be hanged. When asked if he would accept pardon were it offered, and abandon the insurgents, he replied, "Yes, in a moment." *

* The retreat of Shays not only afforded the friends of order occasion for triumph, but sport for wit. An Epigram, from one of the prints, affords a specimen of the poetry and jest of the time. The name of the common carriage, the chaise, and that of the insurgent leader, had then the same spelling as well as sound.

The delay of government, while it afforded time to circulate correct information among the people, left the insurgents at liberty to pursue their measures. The Court at Springfield, on the 26th of December, was resisted, and intelligence was received of active exertions to prevent the session of the Common Pleas, at Worcester, on the 23d of January. Longer forbearance would have been weakness, and vigorous measures were adopted for sustaining the Judiciary. An army of 4400 men was raised from the Counties of Suffolk, Essex, Middlesex, Hampshire and Worcester, for thirty days service. General Benjamin Lincoln, whose prudence, and military skill peculiarly qualified him for the important trust, received the command. Voluntary loans were made by individuals for the armament, pay, and subsistence of the troops.

On the 21st of January, the army took up the line of march from Roxbury. The inclemency of the weather, and the condition of the roads rendered a halt necessary at Marlborough. The next day the troops reached Worcester, notwithstanding the effects of sudden thaw on the deep snow, and were quartered on the inhabitants, the houses being thrown open for their shelter and comfort. Here they were joined by the regiments of the county. The town contributed its quota liberally. In the company under Capt. Joel Howe, were twenty-seven non-commissioned officers and privates. In the artillery, under Capt. William Treadwell, were enrolled forty-three of our citizens. Nineteen served under Capt. Phinehas Jones. Seven dragoons were embodied in a legionary corps. Lt. Daniel Goulding was at the head of a troop of cavalry. The late Judge Edward Bangs, Timothy Bigelow, afterwards Speaker of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, and Theophilus Wheeler, Esq., served as volunteers.

Detachments of insurgents collected at Rutland, New Brain-

"Says sober Will, well *Shays* has fled,
And peace returns to bless our days.
Indeed! cries Ned, I always said,
He'd prove at last a *fall back Shays;*
And those turned over and undone,
Call him a worthless *Shays to run.*"

tree, Princeton, Sterling and Sutton, but, intimidated by the military, hovered at a distance, while the Courts proceeded. On the 25th of January, Gen. Lincoln hastened westward for the relief of Shepard, and of the arsenal at Springfield, invested by Shays and Day.

Major General Warner was left in command at Worcester, with a regiment of infantry, a corps of artillery, including Capt. Treadwell's company, two field pieces, and a party from the legionary battalion of volunteer cavalry. Information having been given that a body of about two hundred insurgents had assembled at New Braintree, intercepting travellers and insulting the friends of government, twenty horsemen, supported by about 150 infantry in sleighs, were sent out on the night of the 2d of February, to capture or disperse the disaffected. Upon approaching the place of their destination, the cavalry were ordered to advance at full speed to surprise the enemy. The insurgents, apprised of the expedition, had abandoned their quarters at the house of Moses Hamilton, and taken post behind the walls of the road side, and having fired a volley of musketry upon the detachment, fled to the woods: Mr. Jonathan Rice of Worcester, a deputy sheriff, was shot through the arm and hand: Doct. David Young was severely wounded in the knee:* the bridle rein of Theophilus Wheeler, Esq., was cut by a ball. Without halting, the soldiers rapidly pursued their way to the deserted head quarters, where they liberated Messrs. Samuel Flagg and John Stanton of Worcester, who had been seized the day previous, while transacting private business at Leicester. Having dispersed those who occupied the barracks at Rutland, the next day, the companies returned with four prisoners.

The career of Shays was fast drawing to its close. Driven from post to post, he suddenly retired from Pelham to Petersham, where he expected to concentrate the forces of expiring rebellion, and make his final stand. Intelligence of this change of position reached Gen. Lincoln at Hadley, February 3d, and

* Dr. Young afterwards recovered £1000, in a civil action, against those by whom he was wounded.

he determined, by prompt and decisive action, to terminate the warfare. When the troops took up the line of march, at 8 o'clock, the evening was bright and mild. Before morning the cold became intense; the dry and light snow, whirled before a violent north wind, filled the paths and rendered them almost impassable. The severity of the cold prevented any halt for rest or refreshment. At a distance from shelter, without defence against the inclemency of the weather, it became necessary to press on, without pausing, to the camp occupied by men possessing all martial advantages, except courage and a good cause. The heavy sufferings of the night were terminated by the arrival of the troops in the very centre of Petersham. The followers of Shays, trusting to the violence of the storm and the obstruction of the highways, rested in careless security. The first warning of danger was from the appearance of the advanced guard of the forces of government, after a journey of thirty miles, in the midst of their cantonment. Had an army dropped from the clouds upon the hill, the consternation could not have been greater. Panic struck, the insurgents fled, without firing a gun, or offering resistance to soldiers exhausted by fatigue, with frozen limbs, and almost sinking under the privations and hardships of the severe service.

Thirty of the citizens of Worcester were in this expedition, and shared in the movement, called by Minot "one of the most indefatigable marches that ever was performed in America." Gen. Lincoln writes from Petersham, Feb. 4, "We arrived here about nine o'clock, exceedingly fatigued by a march of thirty miles, part of it in a deep snow, and in a most violent storm. When this abated, the cold increased, and a great part of our men were frozen in some part or other; but I hope none of them dangerously so, and that most of them will be able to march again in a short time." The insurgents never again collected in force: independent parties appeared in different parts of the western counties: but they were soon compelled to seek safety by submission, or flight into the neighboring States. Two or three only, of our townsmen, bore arms with Shays.

The rebellion being terminated, the infliction of some punishment for the highest political crime was deemed expedient. Some of those who had been in arms against the laws, were brought to trial, convicted of treason, and sentenced to death. Henry Gale, of Princeton, was the only insurgent found guilty of capital offence, in this county.* On the 23d day of June, at the hour fixed for his execution, by the warrant, he was led out to the gallows, erected on the common, with all the solemn ceremony of such exhibitions. A reprieve was there read to him, and afterwards full pardon was given.† Proceedings for seditious practices, pending against several prisoners, were suspended. The mercy of government was finally extended to all who had been involved in the difficulties and disorders of the time, upon taking the oath of allegiance to the Commonwealth, after some temporary civil disqualifications.‡

* The Court assigned as his counsel, Levi Lincoln, Sen., and James Sullivan. The warm support of government by the former had rendered him obnoxious to the insurgents. During their occupation of the town, they sent parties to seize his person, who surrounded and searched his house. Seasonably informed of their intentions, he was able to disappoint them.

† Six were convicted of treason in the county of Berkshire, six in Hampshire, one in Worcester, and one in Middlesex, all of whom received sentence of death, but were subsequently pardoned. The only public punishment actually inflicted, except limited disqualification from civil or military office, was on a member of the House of Representatives, guilty of seditious words and practices, who was sentenced to sit on the gallows with a rope about his neck, pay a fine of £50, and to be bound to keep the peace and be of good behavior for five years.

‡ The facts stated in the foregoing chapter have been derived from the Worcester Magazine, published by Isaiah Thomas, 1786, 1787, Independent Chronicle, Columbian Centinel, Minot's History of the Insurrection, Files in the office of the Secretary of State, Correspondence of Levi Lincoln, Sen., American Antiquarian Society's MSS

NOTICE OF DANIEL SHAYS.

FROM THE SAME.

This individual acquired an unenviable notariety, which imparts some degree of interest to the incidents of his life. He was born in Hopkinton, in 1747 ; the son of parents not in affluent circumstances, he worked with Mr. Brinley, a respectable farmer of Framingham. The activity and energy of his youth promised at maturity more desirable elevation than he attained. That his education was neglected, is apparent from his official letters, bidding defiance alike to government, grammar and good spelling. Just before the revolution, he removed to one of the towns beyond Connecticut River, and afterwards resided in Pelham. When the war commenced, he entered the army, at the age of twenty-eight, with the rank of Ensign, in Capt. Dickinson's company, in Col. Benjamin Ruggles Woodbridge's regiment. His ambition, activity, and the plausible manners covering the want of acquirements, joined with personal intrepidity, obtained promotion, and in 1776, he was appointed lieutenant in Col. Varnum's regiment. At a time when the line peculiarly needed reinforcement, he was detached on the recruiting service, with the promise of some suitable reward for the enlistment of twenty men. For this purpose he visited his native state, and his unwearied exertions were crowned with ample success. When the complement assigned to him was filled, a plan suggested itself for grasping honor and pay at once. Finding the pulse of patriotism beat high, and the young men of New England were ready

to devote themselves for their country, he continued his enlistments. Insinuating address and bold representations, produced impressions of his ability and influence, easily turned to his own advantage, and by holding out expectations of indulgence to those who should serve under his command, a company was raised, on the condition that he should be their captain. With these men he returned to the camp, where they were mustered. When the inspector was about to distribute them to different corps, Shays produced the enlistment papers; pointed to the condition which held them to serve under himself alone; and requested the appointment of Captain. The necessity of the times prevented the sacrifice of so many recruits, and after indignant remonstrances, it was deemed expedient to yield to his demands. The commission was promised, and issued after long delay, in Sept. 1779, to relate back to Jan. 1, 1777. Such is the account tradition gives of his military rank. The honors, ill won, were not long worn. He was discharged Oct. 14, 1780, at Newark, in New Jersey, from Col. Rufus Putnam's regiment.

The deficiency of honorable sentiment in his mental constitution, may be inferred from a characteristic incident. Lafayette had presented, in 1780, to each of the American officers under his immediate command, an elegant sword. Such pledge of regard from the patriot chief, a soldier with a spark of generous feeling, would have cherished as his dearest possession, and transmitted to his posterity as an heirloom of inestimable value. Shays sold the gift of his commander for a few dollars.

After being disbanded, he retired to Pelham, and lived in obscurity. Bankrupt in fortune and in fame, Shays was ready to embark on the flood of any desperate adventure. Without the energetic decision or enlarged conceptions, the strong spirit or the bold daring, which befit a leader, by some accident, he was elevated to the command of the insurgents. Of capacity too humble to direct the movements of an army in those moments when the force of talent makes itself felt by triumphant results, and turns even obstructions into encouragements, he was weak, vacillating and irresolute. It was providential that the physical power of the arm of rebellion had so feeble a head to direct its blow.

With the first shade of adversity, he made indirect overtures to the agents of government, to abandon his comrades to their fate, on assurance of personal safety: and when his base propositions were rejected, and promises of indemnity and pardon were offered to his followers, his persuasions induced them to reject the proffered mercy and retain the arms of hopeless controversy, to purchase by their sacrifice security for himself.

When the insurrection was crushed, he retired to Vermont. After the lapse of a few years, the general of the rebellion passed through the streets of Worcester, which he once entered at the head of an army, and received assistance from those whose homes he had threatened with desolation.

At length he removed to Sparta, in New York. As a pensioner of the United States, he derived his daily bread from the government whose forces he had encountered in arms. Declarations filed in the department of war, by himself, show that his family consisted of an aged wife, and that he lived in extreme poverty. He died, Sept. 29, 1825, aged 84.*

However much the honor and integrity of Daniel Shays were questioned, his courage was never disputed. He was in the battle of Bunker's Hill, at the capture of Burgoyne, and at the storming of Stony Point: was under Lafayette, and did good service in many bloody encounters. A severe wound, received during the revolution, was honorary testimonial of intrepidity.

* He married Nancy Haven, a widow. The schedule of his property in 1820, filed in the pension office, exhibits a condition of almost utter destitution. It is as follows:

1 mare, $25: 1 old saddle, $2,50: 1 bridle, 50 cts.: 1 old cutter, $5: 1 old axe, 62½ cts.: 1 hoe, 62½ cts.: 1 table, $3: 3 chairs, $1,12½: 1 old scythe and snath, $1,12½: 1 old pail, 12½ cts.: 1 large Bible, $1: amounting to $40,62½.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

The Proprietors, having erected a meeting house "on Rocky Plain, near the Pines," proceeded, in the month of April, 1723, to select a person to be their minister. Of the 38 votes cast, Mr. Job Cushing, of Hingham, (a graduate of Harvard University, 1714,) had 18.

At an adjourned meeting, holden on the 15th May, Mr. Cushing was chosen, "by a full vote." His ordination took place on the 4th of December, 1723. The church records give no particulars respecting this interesting event. They do not inform us what churches were represented by their pastors and delegates on that occasion, or by whom the ordination sermon was preached. They begin with "the names of the persons embodied into a church state at Shrewsbury, at the time of their ordination, Dec. 4, 1723."

They adopted a covenant, a copy of which follows, and severally signed it in the order their names here appear.

"A COPY OF THE CHURCH COVENANT."

We, whose names are subscribed, inhabitants of the Town of Shrewsbury, being sensible of the inconstancy of our hearts with the Lord, and proneness of spirit to go astray from him, for which we desire to be unfeignedly humbled in the sight of God — and now, desiring to be joined forever unto the Lord Jesus, as members of him, our blessed Head, and to cleave unto him in spiritual love and communion, according to his blessed institutions, that so we might enjoy more of himself, in his own holy and blessed appointments, and might walk more close with the Lord, and not give way to the sinful liberty of our own hearts,

We do, therefore, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the help of his all-sufficient grace, before all his people here assembled, enter into covenant with the Lord.

1st. To take and choose the Lord to be our God; and therefore to love, fear and serve him with all our hearts and might and strength, and also to give up ourselves unto the Lord to be his people, to be at his disposal, to be guided and directed by his own good Spirit, in all the ways of his revealed will through Jesus Christ — [whom we believe to be God, equal with the Father and the Holy Ghost.]

2d. We also bind ourselves, by his gracious assistance, to bring up our children and servants in the knowledge and fear of the Lord, by catechism and holy instruction, according to our best abilities; that so the true religion and knowledge of God may be maintained in our families, and a seed may serve him of such who do survive when we are dead and gone.

3d. And we do further promise, by his help, to keep close to the truth of Christ, which he revealeth to us by his holy word, and therefore to endeavor the keeping of it alive in our hearts, and to defend it against all opposers of it, when God calls us so to do by his providence at any time, and that we may so do, we resolve to make the blessed Scriptures our platform, whereby we may discern the blessed mind of Christ, and not the new framed inventions of men — [and yet we are of the judgment, that the whole of the well known Westminster Catechism, as explained by Calvinistic divines, contains a just summary of Christian doctrines, as revealed in God's holy Word.]

4thly. We engage ourselves, through his blessed presence with us, to have a careful inspection over our own hearts, viz., to endeavor the mortification of all our sinful passions and corrupt distempers, by the virtue of the blood and death of Christ, together with all worldly frames and disorderly affections, whereby our hearts may be withdrawn from the living God.

5thly. We are resolved, through his grace, to observe the Lord in all his blessed institutions, which he hath appointed in his church; as to give reverent attention unto the word of God; to pray with God's saints; to sing his praise; to attend the blessed seals with submission to the holy discipline God hath appointed for offenders, according to what he hath revealed in his word.

Lastly. We promise to obey such who rule over us in the Lord, and to walk in love one to another, and unto mutual edification; visiting, comforting, exhorting and warning any brother or sister that offendeth, with much love and tenderness; not divulging private offences irregularly, but first going to the party ourselves alone, and if he will not hear, to take one or two more, and then to bring it to the church, if need be, according to the rules of Christ, willingly forgiving all such who give satifaction.

And now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

"JOB CUSHING,
SAMUEL BENNETT,
JOHN KEYES, SEN.,
SAMUEL WHEELOCK,
JOHN KEYES,
THOMAS HALL,
NAHUM WARD,
PETER SMITH,
EDWARD GODDARD,
SIMON MAYNARD,
DANIEL RAND,
SAMUEL CROSBY,
JOSEPH SHERMAN,
JOHN CROSBY,
WILLIAM TAYLOR,
ELIAS KEYES." [16]

NOTE.—After the decease of the Rev. Mr. Cushing, and before the settlement of his successor, viz: "on the 13th day of April, 1761, the church voted an addition to the first and third articles of the foregoing covenant, which additions are now included in brackets, at the end of those articles. "All the

brethren," say the records, "that were present, voted for the additions aforesaid, save Daniel Hemenway, Joseph Sherman and Job Cushing."

The next year, 1724, were admitted to the church,—
MERCY, the wife of Peter Smith,
SARAH, the wife of Simon Maynard,
MARY, the wife of Capt. John Keyes,
} from the church in Westboro'.
In 1725, ABIGAIL, wife of Thomas Hall,
BATHSHEBA, wife of John Crosby.
In 1727, MARY, wife of Rev. Job Cushing,
MARTHA, wife of Nahum Ward,
MARY, wife of Daniel Rand.
In 1728, HEPZIBAH, wife of Edward Goddard.
In 1733, DOROTHY, wife of Samuel Crosby.

These ten were wives of the first founders of the church.

In 1731, a question arose respecting the expediency in church government of having Ruling Elders in the church.

This question, and matters growing out of it, engaged the attention of the church ten years or more.

Church meetings were frequent, many Committees chosen, and a voluminous correspondence carried on between this church and that of Framingham, of which the Rev. John Swift was Pastor, and which disclosed a controversy with the latter church and that of Hopkinton, of which the Rev. Samuel Barrett was Pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Cushing's records, in relation to this matter, occupy at least fifty pages — in which he says, under date of 1734, "The church of Shrewsbury enjoyed great peace and unanimity, as to outward appearances, from its first gathering and founding of it, till about this time, some things were controverted, at least among some of them, as the following *narrative* will show," — yet it appears by his records that the difficulty began in 1731 — probably it was not until 1734, that the consequences of it assumed a serious aspect.

This "narrative" of more than fifty manuscript pages, consists of copies of letters, church proceedings, reports of Committees,

results of Councils, &c., and, although interesting, is too lengthy for insertion here — a summary of it is this.

"In or near the year 1731, Simon Goddard removed his habitation from Framingham to Shrewsbury, and, after some time, he delivered me a letter superscribed after this manner."

"To the Rev. Mr. Cushing, Pastor of the Church of Christ in Shrewsbury — to be communicated to said Church; and this is the form of the letter."

"Rev. and Beloved,

I am, by reading and considering the Platform of church Government composed by the Synod in this country, and comparing the same with the Scriptures, persuaded the form of Government therein prescribed is very agreeable therewith, and am accordingly desirous of a dismission from the church of Framingham, to a church, who acknowledge the said Platform as the rule of their discipline — And whereas the Divine Providence has now fixed my habitation in this place, I am also desirous of an admission into this (rather than to any other) church in case I may therein be subject to that (Platform) and no other discipline, or at least no further or otherwise subject to any other discipline, than my judgment shall be enlightened from the holy scriptures. I apprehend, that much of the benefit and comfort of church fellowship and communion depends on harmony in judgment among those of the same communion; and that in order to such harmony, the principles of Government must be known and mutually consented to; and that I may act with the greater clearness and certainty in this affair, I humbly desire to be plainly informed, whether I may join myself with this church under the condition above expressed.

If you shall please to condesend to afford me such information it will greatly oblige, Rev. and beloved,

Your brother and humble servant,

SIMON GODDARD."

This letter is dated Shrewsbury, Dec. 15, 1731.

I have thought it proper to insert Mr. Goddard's letter entire; since, as it was the origin of all the subsequent proceedings, his views ought to appear as he stated them, and at full length in his own words.

"Upon receiving this letter (says Mr. Cushing,) I asked said Goddard, whether he was free, that I should privately show it to some of the church, observing to him, that if they were apprized of it beforehand, they might be the better prepared to make answer; and he said he was. I then desired as he had opportunity, he himself would also speak of it to others — when I showed the letter to some of the church, they said they had nothing against my offering it to the church. But yet I found, that when I showed it to some judicious persons out of town, they observed it was very odd for this person to set up an inquisition upon the church of Shrewsbury, and although, when I put it to them, whether they thought I had best offer it, although some dissuaded, yet others did not care to do that — but as things appeared to me, I thought I had best offer it to the church." He did so — "whereupon some of the brethren observed there was a passage in it unintelligible, and desired that it might be explained by him, that offered it — but one, if not more pleaded, that they apprehended said Goddard meant no more, than to be subject to the Platform; but were answered, that it was our business to consider well what we did; for we knew not, but that long after, this business might be examined by us, or others — one or more signified their esteem for the Platform, and that they thought it proper or necessary, that the church should be subject to some human composure, and manifested their desire, that the church should either accept of the Platform as the rule of their discipline, or say how far they would conform to it; others observing it was probable some had not read the Platform, or were not acquainted with it, and thought it might be proper for the brethren of the church to read it — whereupon I observed, that it would take some considerable time for such a number to read the book referred to, and that, if the meeting were adjourned for a long space of time, it was likely it would be forgotten — I therefore dissolved the meeting. But in the run of a little time, the said

Goddard brought me another letter — and this is a copy of his letter :—

April 8, 1732.

Rev. and Beloved,

Having had no answer to my request of Dec. 15, last, and understanding that some seem to be at a loss about the meaning of those words therein, wherein my desire to be subject to no other government, than that of the Platform is expressed, *or least no further or otherwise than my judgment shall be enlightened from the holy scriptures* — these are to signify, that my intention was, and is, only this, that if there be any particular point or paragraph in the Platform, that yourselves judge not to be right, [upon conviction from the scriptures I would readily fall in with the others of the church] — thus humbly praying answer from, Rev. and Beloved,

Your Brother and humble servant,

SIMON GODDARD.

Upon receiving this, I warned the church to come together — but the morning before they met, said Goddard was at my house and I informed him, that his explanatory letter was so worded, that I questioned, whether it would be agreeable to the brethren.

Then said Goddard desired, that I would be assisting in answering what was objected against his first letter; but I told him it was not proper for me to meddle with it — and as I was going to the meeting, I had another letter delivered to me, to be offered instead of the last mentioned — thus : —

"April 8, 1732.

Rev. and Beloved,

Having had no answer to my request of December 15, last," (&c., word for word as his last previous letter, except what I have there included in brackets and in this omitted,) he then adds, "that if, I knew what they were and could from the scriptures be of the same opinion with yourselves, I should gladly get a dismission to this church. Thus praying an answer, &c. &c.

SIMON GODDARD."

Mr. Goddard underscored in his last letter, but *not* in the former, what there appears in italics.

May 4, 1732, the church met to consider the explanatory letter from Mr. Goddard" — adjourned to the 25th inst. — then met "and it was put to the church, whether they were ready to give Simon Goddard an answer to the writings he had laid before them — they answered in the affirmative. I offered the meeting present to propose the form of a vote and none attempting it, I proposed this, and submitted it to their cosideration — viz: If it be your minds to accept of the writings our brother Simon Goddard hath offered to us, or to admit him a member of this church by virtue of his writings presented to us, it is desired you would manifest your minds by your usual vote of lifting up your hands — one brother apprehended the vote not properly worded — I then observed, I knew not how to word a vote without referring to his writings, and desired him to, if he pleased, to propose the form of a vote; but he not attempting it, it was desired the form of the vote, I had offered, might be read again, which was done, and, upon due consideration, was urged by a brother, to be put to a vote — and it clearly passed in the negative. I think only the brethren of Simon Goddard voted in the affirmative.

After this, for reasons rendered, I thus applied myself to the church — I humbly conceive it is your mind, that our brother Goddard should be treated with due respect on all accounts, and that you are desirous, that he should be sensible of it — therefore proposed this as the form of another vote, viz: If it be your minds, that our brother Simon Goddard should be admitted to full church fellowship and privileges upon the same terms and condition that others have, at all times, been admitted, you will manifest it by the usual sign of voting. And when it was offered to trial, the vote very fully passed in the affirmative," and the meeting was dissolved.

The narative then proceeds to state, "Simon Goddard not obtaining admission into the church of Shrewsbury *by virtue of his writings* before mentioned, he, in conjunction with four others, all members of Framingham church, removed their relation from Framingham church without their leave, and were admitted into the church of Hopkinton in January, 1732 — and soon after this he informed me what he had done, and manifested his desire to

enjoy occasional communion with the church in Shrewsbury, and desired I would lay his desire before the church — I soon told some brethren of his desire, who answered, they were not at present satisfied about his leaving Framingham church in the manner he did. Whereupon I delayed making his request public, but, he continuing in his motion of having his case brought before the church, I again spoke to those, that I had privately talked with, and one or more answered, for their part they were not free the church should come together on that business, for they feared it would make division and trouble. But the said Goddard continuing unwearied in his request, and faulted me, as Pastor, for not laying his case before the church. — I told him that some had manifested their mind to the contrary, which kept me from making his request public — but at length, at his importunity, I signified to him, that if as many, or more, should move for a meeting, than had on the other side shown unwillingness, I knew not but that I might call a meeting; but withal gave him to understand, that if any desired the church to meet on that affair, I chose their desire should be offered in writing. Soon after this I received a letter, thus —

"March 14, 1735.

Whereas we understand by our neighbor and brother Simon Goddard, who is an inhabitant in town, and is, so far as we have seen or heard, a man of sober and religious conversation, that the reason why he doth not hold occasional and transient communion with us at the Lord's table, though a member in full communion of a neighboring church, is not want of charity on his part towards this or any other churches of Christ in the vicinity, who hold the Head, though they may differ from the form of government formerly agreed upon by the synod in the land, and to which he professes his adherence, but that he has manifested to yourself long ago his desire to commune with us, but has been delayed to know, first what is the mind of the church, these are, therefore, humbly to request that there may be a church meeting called as soon as may be, and therein due consideration had on this matter, and that, unless his principles or practices appear to the church to be such as justly to exclude him from the catholic

communion professed in these churches, or expose him to public censure, he may be encouraged to sit down with us at the Lord's table. In hope that our request thus offered will not be denied nor delayed, we rest, Rev. sir, your brethren and humble servants.

SAMUEL CROSBY,
JOHN CROSBY,
ISAAC STONE,
EBENEZER BRAGG,
JOHN PARKER,
AMOS PRATT,
EDWARD GODDARD, } Brethren of said
BENJAMIN GODDARD, } Simon Goddard."

"This letter was laid before the church, April 24, 1735, and after some debate the church was pleased to appoint a committee, viz., Ebenezer Bragg, Samuel Crosby and Jonathan Keyes, to carry a letter from the church to the churches of Framingham and Hopkinton, to see what light they could gain and offer to the church relating to the matter before us."

"June 28, 1735. The church met. A number of writings were read, that were directed to the church from the church in Hopkinton, and from the Rev. Mr. Swift, of Framingham, and they are here transcribed, but before they were read, the letter sent from the church of Shrewsbury to the churches of Framingham and Hopkinton was read. It was directed and sent to be communicated to both of those churches," thus

"Shrewsbury, May 16, 1735.

Rev. and Beloved in our Lord Jesus Christ,

An important affair (as we thought) was brought before our church on the 24th day of April last, signed by eight of the brethren, and after some debate on the matter, the church was pleased to appoint a committee, viz., Bragg, Crosby and Keyes, to go to Framingham and Hopkinton, to see what light they could gain and offer to the church relative to the matter lying before us; and being desired to send something in writing, I

thought it most proper to send the whole of what was brought before our church, for you to judge and report upon, which is as follows" — (then follows a copy of the letter signed by eight members of the Shrewsbury church to Rev. Mr. Cushing, with this addition by Mr. Cushing) — "the request is very reasonable, if no reason can be alleged against it; and apprehending the churches, to whom we send, to know the said Goddard's character and circumstances better than we do, we desire that you would favor us with an answer in writing, and that you would please to answer the committee to any reasonable questions relating to the said affair. JOB CUSHING,

Pastor of and at the desire of the church of Shrewsbury."

"The church of Christ in Hopkinton to the church of Christ in Shrewsbury wisheth grace, mercy and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. and Beloved,

We hereby signify to you that we received your letter and messengers very friendly, by which, and by whom, we understand that you desire to be acquainted with the grounds upon which our brother Simon Goddard was received into full communion with this church, he being before a member of the church of Christ in Framingham, and not dismissed from them to us —

Be it known unto you, therefore, beloved brethren, that upon the Congregational principles, as we apprehend, we received him into our communion, as may appear by the impartial consideration of the letter directed to us by him, together with several others of the brethren of Framingham church, wherein in the grounds of their desire of entering into this special relation to us are expressed, as also our letter directed to the church of Christ in Framingham, and Mr. Swift's letter, directed to the pastor of this church, a copy of all which we herein enclose. As for the character of our well beloved brother, Simon Goddard, we subscribe to your description of it, and can heartily recommend him to your holy communion, and for our verbal answer to your com-

mittee's questions, we refer you to the committee themselves for satisfaction in this matter.

Brethren pray for us, your brethren in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel. Hopkinton, June 18, 1735. In the name and consent of the church. SAMUEL BARRETT, *Pastor.*
JOSEPH HAVEN, } *Ruling*
JOSEPH BIXBEE, } *Elders.*"

"Copy of a letter inclosed in the above written letter."

Framingham, Aug. 29, 1732.

Rev. and Beloved,

Whereas you have asserted the Congregational cause, and settled a presbytery of Elders in your church, according to the Platform composed by a Synod of Churches in this country in our primitive times, we the subscribers, members of the church in Framingham, being very desirous of a relation to a church of those principles, humbly offer our desire to be received into your church fellowship and communion, and though we have not obtained a dismission from the church in Framingham, yet we are persuaded you will not judge the want thereof a bar to our reception, when the reasons inducing us to lay this, our desire, before you, have been duly considered, which reasons are as follows, viz:

1st. Having, according to our abilities, searched the holy Scriptures and consulted not only our own reason, but also the judgments of many great and learned divines of divers persuasions, with respect to church government, we are fully persuaded, that the form of church government specified in said Platform, and which you have embodied, is a very safe and regular government, and is consonant to and warranted by both scripture and sound reason, and that the kingly office of Christ and our own peace, comfort and edification are greatly concerned in our bearing testimony to, and searching an interest in the benefits of such a wise and good constitution.

2dly. The Rev. pastor of the church of Framingham, being of the opinion, if we understood him, that neither that, nor any other Platform of human composure, but the Scriptures only,

ought to be received as the rule of government, and those gifts or qualifications for rule and government in the churches, are so connected with gifts and qualifications for public teaching, that the former cannot be without the latter, we cannot but be of a different opinion, and are wholly at a loss as to what form of government we must be subject to, whilst we remain members of that church, since all Christian Protestants allow the Scriptures to be the only standard, and yet do vastly differ as to the meaning of them with respect to church order and government, and though we would not willingly grieve or offend, much less judge or censure, such as differ in opinion from us, yet we do and must say, that we cannot be easy under a government, wherein a single elder has the whole power as to the proper acts of rule and government, and is under no restriction in the exercise of that power by any Platforms.

3dly. We labor under the grievous inconvenience, in the church of Framingham, that whereas, though sense of duty sometimes obliges us to speak and act in church affairs, yet we cannot do it without being exceeding liable to be accounted offenders, and represented as disturbers of the peace of the church.

This inconvenience, together with all the occasions, or jars and contentions, in the management of church discipline, which naturally arise from diversity of opinions in the church, about the mode of government, would cease, if such of us, as are of Congragational principles were admitted into a church of our own persuasion, and this may be done, as we humbly conceive, without any great prejudice to the church of Framingham, or the Rev. pastor, for we shall be no less obliged to the support of the ministry in Framingham, by virtue of the Province Laws, nor will it prevent our still remaining auditors in the congregation there, except on some few Sabbaths in the year, nor can we see any reason, why it should break Christian charity, or hinder our occasional communion with them at the Lord's table, or mutual watchfulness over each other for edification.

4thly. It has been our earnest desire to have had the consent of the church of Framingham to our admission into your com-

munion, and we have requested of the Rev. pastor to lay our desires before the church, that either we might enjoy a Congregational discipline in Framingham, according to the Platform, or be dismissed to your church; but are left, after long waiting, to despair of ever prevailing to have a meeting of the church for either of these ends; and have, therefore, no other remedy but this, of asserting our right to liberty of conscience, and offering our pleas, without the consent of the church of Framingham, to your communion, which we now do, begging an interest in your prayers to God for us, that, by his grace enabling us, we may so order our conversation as to give no offence to the godly, but on all occasions manifest our hearty love and esteem for all such, especially our brethren of the church of Framingham, notwithstanding different persuasions concerning church government; and that we express meekness and patience under the censures of the rash and uncharitable, and enjoy peace with God and peace with all men, especially with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, of what denomination soever.

And heartily wishing to yourselves an increase of temporal and spiritual blessings, we rest and subscribe, Rev. and beloved,

Your brethren and humble servants,

THOMAS MELLEN,
EDWARD GODDARD,
BENJAMIN WHITNEY,
SIMON MELLEN,
SIMON GODDARD.

To the Rev. Mr. Samuel Barrett, Pastor, and Mr. Joseph Bixbee and Mr. Joseph Haven, Ruling Elders in the church of Hopkinton, to be communicated to the said church."

"Copy of another letter inclosed in the above-said letter."

"The church of Christ in Hopkinton, to the church of Christ in Framingham, wisheth grace, mercy and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. and Beloved,

Whereas several of the brethren of your communion, viz., Thomas Mellen, Edward Goddard,* Benjamin Whitney, Simon

* Father of Simon Goddard.

Mellen and Simon Goddard, have offered their desires to be received into this church, solemnly declaring, that the reason inducing them hereto, is their belief, that the Congregational principles respecting church government, as they are set forth in the Platform, composed by the Synod of churches in this country, are agreeable to the holy Scriptures, which principles, we, the church of Christ in Hopkinton have embodied, and having met together to consider of the motion made to us by your above named brethren, have thought it consistent with Christian prudence and charity to acquaint you with the same, that we might have your approbation and consent in the matter; or otherwise, that you will offer such objections to us, that may justify our denying them admission with us, wishing an increase of all grace and good to you, and begging an interest in your prayers for us, your brethren in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel.

In the name and at the desire of the church,

SAMUEL BARRETT, *Pastor.*
JOSEPH BIXBEE, } *Ruling*
JOSEPH HAVEN, } *Elders.*

P. S. The church of Christ in Hopkinton have appointed the second Wednesday in January next, to consider what may be offered by the church of Christ in Framingham respecting the admission of the above named members of that church.

Hopkinton, Dec. 8, 1732."

"Copy of the Rev. Mr. Swift's letter to the pastor of the church in Hopkinton."

"Framingham, Jan. 5, 1733.

Rev. Sir,

Respecting the dismission of church members to remote churches, where they do not cohabit, we never had any such custom in our church, nor yet in the churches of Christ in New England, that I can learn; and I wonder that you should lead in such an affair, seeing that, at our last association at your house, you declared that you could not take Capt. Goddard under your pastoral watch and care, and that you saw no reason for it, while he lived at Framingham.

However, if you, or the church of Christ in Hopkinton, or our brethren that you mention, shall obtain the result of a proper council of churches or elders, I shall, I hope, show all due regard to any light that they shall offer. In the mean time, I shall be glad, if you, or some other hand, would reply to the inclosed,* which hath not been answered by any argument in any pamphlet before or since, in the judgment of the learned and judicious, that I have had opportunity to converse with. I fear, lest you bring to pass, what I formerly told you was my fear. Wishing you divine conduct in all your affairs,

I am, sir, your brother in Christ and humble servant,

JOHN SWIFT."

"P. S. Rev. Sir, — I desire you to communicate my mind, and that if I may have the result of a proper council, I shall then communicate it to our church. But I decline any motion towards bringing in any way such innovation (as that you write about) among our churches without proper advice.

Idem, JOHN SWIFT."

Jan. 9, 1733.

"At the same meeting, immediately upon reading of the aforesaid letters, many were read, sent from the Rev. Mr. Swift. The first, thus superscribed,"—

"To the Rev. Mr. Job Cushing, Pastor of Shrewsbury."

"Framingham, June 9, 1735.

Rev. Sir,

According to my promise to your brother Bragg, *cum aliis*, when they were at my house, I send you the inclosed, which are copies taken from their originals, and I think are without any material difference, if my records fail me not. As for my own part, I was always very loth to bring any thing before our church, which I knew had a direct tendency to break the peace thereof, especially if what is moved for is contrary to the practice of the churches of Christ in New England in general.

As to Capt. Goddard, and the rest of our deserting brethren, who are joined to Hopkinton church, I never was satisfied that

* What that was, does not appear.

their motion proceeded from a good conscience, but I think I am able to prove the impossibility of it. If your neighbor, Simon Goddard, had moved for a dismission to your church, I should have promoted it.

But, if I am rightly informed, a council is, in a little time, to sit at Hopkinton, from whom perhaps we may gain some light; and I wonder that transient communion should be desired by or granted to fugitive brethren, especially if such communion endangered the peace of the church. I pray God to direct you and maintain peace among you. Desiring your prayers for my distressed family,

I am your afflicted and humble servant,

JOHN SWIFT."

"Copy of another letter from Mr. Swift."

"Framingham, May 10, 1735.

The awful circumstances of my family at present, I think may well excuse me from acting, or doing any thing about what you propose or desire, in your epistle dated April 29, 1735. But, if you, or your church, or any of the brethren, that you write about, shall call a proper, unexceptionable council of churches, in a proper time and season, I shall, as I have always stood ready to do, yield all due regard to what light they shall afford me. I have much to object against the motion of our brethren to join your church, which, in a proper time, may be brought forth; and I wonder that you can countenance any thing so disorderly and schismatical, the sad effects whereof, if I am not misinformed, or mistaken, you may have discovered in your own church by what hath formerly been done among you. You may remember what I wrote to you, when Capt. Goddard, with others, acted as they did. Said letter bears date, Jan. 8, 1733.

I pray that wisdom and judgment may be the stability of the pastor and church of Christ in Hopkinton, and that their zeal may be according to knowledge, and do earnestly call upon and advise you to study to be quiet, and to pursue those things which make for peace, and whereby we may edify one another, and am

not without some hopes of your hearing my advice, because in your beginning or founding you were ready to hear the counsel of

Your humble servant, for Christ's sake,

JOHN SWIFT."

"P. S. If I am not mistaken, my administrations in time past have been justified by as many Councils, as the Platform you wrote of hath been by Synods, and I am not afraid of that case wherein I have always sought for, depended upon, and I hope, that I have had divine direction.

As to my sorrowful circumstances, I presume the bearer is enough to Inform you. I have sent to seven of my Rev. brethren to be at my house on the next Wednesday, to seek God by prayer for us, and we have great need of the prayers of all who have any interest at the throne of grace.

Idem, JOHN SWIFT.

To the Rev. Mr. Samuel Barrett, Pastor of the Church of Christ in Hopkinton, to be communicated to said church."

"All these writings were offered (to the church in Shrewsbury) on the 26th of June, 1735, but "about half the church being together, and with a view to hear the result of a council sitting, or soon to sit at Hopkinton, the meeting was adjourned." "Before we left the meeting house, Benjamin Goddard said he was of the same principles with his brother, Simon Goddard, and desired that he might be dismissed to Hopkinton Church," and desired an answer at the next meeting.

"Aug. 27, 1735, at the adjournment, all the preceding letters were again read, and as the council did not sit at Hopkinton at the first time appointed, the meeting was again adjourned to and met on the 6th of October, 1735, when all the foregoing papers, &c., relating to Simon and Benjamin Goddard's cases, were read, also the result of Hopkinton, which (says Mr. Cushing) I shall not transcribe, by reason of the exceeding length, and it being in print.

Deacon John Keyes then offered a paper of objections, relating to persons withdrawing from the church, &c. Adjourned to 20th October, at 9 of the clock in the morning, precisely."

"Benjamin Goddard first asked a dismission by word of mouth," — having given no reasons therefor, they were requested of him; whereupon he offered to Rev. Mr. Cushing a letter to be communicated to the church, from which I extract the following:

"I am informed, that several of the brethren did not understand that I gave any reasons, why I desired a dismission from this church to the church of Hopkinton"— he then, after some other things, goes on to say, "I offer my reasons, which are, that I was fully persuaded the government contained in the Platform is very agreeable to the holy Scriptures, and, particularly, that Ruling Elders are of divine institution, and that the church of Hopkinton do acknowledge the Platform for their rule of discipline, and are furnished with Ruling Elders — for these reasons, and your supposition, that the Rev. pastor, as well as most of the brethren of this church, are not of my persuasion in point of discipline, though I am in charity with this church, I still continue my desires, that I may, with your free consent, be received into a church who are of the same principles with me as to church order, &c. BENJAMIN GODDARD."

Here follows "Deacon Keyes objections against persons separating from the church whereof they are members, by their own covenanting, pleading, they are fully persuaded, that Ruling Elders are of divine institution."

"First. It appears to me to be contrary to the holy Scriptures, especially to 1 Corinthians, 14 : 40, particularly applied by the apostle to good order in the church, says, Let all things be done decently and in order. Now it appears to me an indecent and disorderly thing for any to separate from their own church, if the covenant has not been broken on their part. And the 33d verse of that chapter, God is not the author of confusion, but of peace; and it seems manifestly to tend to confusion, that should be avoided, and subversive of peace, that should be maintained, for any to separate, without the church has broke in upon that good order that was adhered to when they covenanted together.

2dly. It appears to me to be abundantly contrary to the Platform, which establishes Ruling Elders in the churches. The 13th chapter, treating particularly of church members, their removal from one church to another, says, that church members may not remove or depart from the church, and so one from another, as they please, nor without just and weighty cause, allowing withal, the good reason in the world, that with just and weighty cause, they may; but is there such cause? when no defect is charged upon or proved against the church, or upon supposition of such an office in the church, which, allowed or disallowed, was never made a term of communion, as I know of, even in discipline; and in the 2d section of that chapter, they who are joined with consent should not depart without consent, until forced thereto.

Now if any person's voluntary and irregular withdrawal be a *force*, it must be a force upon a good conscience, as far as I can see. Again, I see not how such a withdrawal can be fortified by any of the just reasons laid down in that chapter; for a member's removal of himself from the church seems to be such a withdrawal as is there styled unlawful and sinful, if it be from public communion, in word, or seats, or censures. Sec. 5th. Nay, this excellent composure don't allow any members to be incorporated with the church where they don't cohabit, if there be a church where they dwell, and renders weighty reasons for it. Sec. 6.

3dly. It is contrary to the church covenant, most solemnly and formally entered into, wherein they give up themselves unto the Lord, and to the observing the ordinances and institutions of Christ together in the same church; particularly the discipline of it, so that such as withdraw, (without just and weighty cause, proved to be so,) violate their covenant, if they don't withdraw from public communion, in words or seats, but only in censures.

4thly. It is contrary to the custom of Congregational churches, if not all the churches of Christendom, to withdraw without greater *reason*.

Objections against the church's dismissing any members to remote churches, upon the plea mentioned.

First. It seems they incapacitate themselves, who withdraw, for the benefit of church relation, both on the churches and their own part. 30th chapter of Platform, sec. 6.

Secondly. Not meeting together, destroys the notion of a Congregational church.

Thirdly. How can they that withdraw from their own church, enjoy communion therewith?

Fourthly. Discipline is thereby rendered too difficult, if not impracticable. See the 62d, 70th and 80th page of that sitting of the Synod. All will grant it to be most orderly and regular, that every Christian be a member in some particular church, and in that particular church where his regular habitation is.

These reasons, though not all that might be offered, are sufficient with me to restrain me from acting in any thing that appears to me to be so disorderly; but yet, if they are not sufficient to satisfy any other person or persons that desire to leave their church upon the abovesaid plea, or any thing that is not greater, I stand ready to consult with any proper judges, for light in this article. JOHN KEYES."

"The foregoing was offered to the church Oct. 6, 1735."

Then follows, in Mr. Cushing's journal, a letter of earlier date, from Simon Goddard, to the church committee, and by them, at his request, given to Mr. Cushing to be read to the church, and which, it appears of record, "was read to the church, immediately after the writings from the Rev. Mr. Swift, and the church of Hopkinton, on the 26th day of June, 1735."

"The letter thus superscribed."

"To Mr. Samuel Crosby, Ebenezer Bragg, Jonathan Keyes, Committee of the Church in Shrewsbury."

"Shrewsbury, May 16, 1735.

Gentlemen,

Whereas yourselves are, as I understand, desired and appointed by the church of Christ in Shrewsbury to obtain the clearest account you can relating to the ground of my proceeding, to join myself to the church of Hopkinton, without a dismission from the church of Framingham, and also without calling in a council of

churches; I think it my duty, for your satisfaction, and more especially for the satisfaction of the church in Shrewsbury, to whom you are to make report, to offer the following account, viz:

That about six years ago, a very grievous controversy arose in the church of Framingham, which occasioned me, more than ever I had done, to consider the nature and ends of church government and discipline, and in the long series of troubles, wherein that church was involved, I had opportunity to discover, as I thought, a great inconveniency in having all the power of rule and government in a single breast; some instances whereof, I am obliged, in my own vindication, to mention; as first, an exception was taken against some words said to be spoken by my father at a church meeting, (in Framingham,) which were very wrongly represented.

My father desired, that, if what he had spoken were accounted an offence, the words should be made certain, and that he might have a copy of what was alledged against him, and a time set him to make answer. The Rev. pastor dismissed the church, nothing of this being done.

About six months after, when my father was serving at the General Court, at Salem, and had no knowledge of the meeting of the church, that matter was brought forward, and, after many aggravating circumstances alledged by the pastor, I perceived the matter was coming forward for a vote; and thereupon desired that nothing might be acted respecting my father, when he was not present.

Several others of the brethren also backed what I had said. Notwithstanding which, the vote was put, viz: whether those expressions were not censurable evils; and though the vote passed very clear in the negative, yet I could not but think, that such an attempt was a plain discovery of the necessity of some remedy against such proceedings; and, by perusing the Platform, and comparing it with the Scriptures, and weighing, as well as I could, the arguments for and against the same, I was persuaded, that it contained a very scriptural and rational form of church government; and it is very probable, that had there been a plurality of

elders, as provided for in the Platform, they would not have agreed to have brought forward such a vote in such a manner.

I was and am fully persuaded, that the office of a ruling elder, distinct from the teaching elder, is of divine institution, and appointed, by the wisdom of Christ, for the comfort, safety and edification of his church.

Secondly. I did, in conjunction with many others, members of the church of Framingham, use my utmost endeavors to obtain a reformation of what we thought wrong in the discipline of that church. After sundry of the church had divers times desired a meeting of the church, to try to accommodate the differences that had arisen, but were denied a meeting, twelve of the brethren, of which I was one, manifested our desires, that the church might meet to choose ruling elders, and some months after, renewed our requests, but were denied a meeting; and, the proposal appearing to be very disagreeable to the pastor, in February 16, 1731, sixteen of the brethren drew up sundry proposals for accommodation, desiring that they might be considered in a church meeting, but could not obtain it; and I, being removed to this place, and perceiving that the Platform was not acknowledged as a rule of government in this church, I desired the Rev. pastor of the church of Framingham to propose to that church that I might be dismissed to the church in Hopkinton; not because I was out of charity with the church of Framingham, or the church of Shrewsbury, but because I thought it my duty to join to a church, whose government and discipline was, in my opinion, most agreeable to the holy Scriptures; and that I might obtain an orderly dismission into Hopkinton church, I attended to the only rule, which I send, contained in the Platform, viz: by endeavoring to consult with the church whereof I was a member, about the removal of my relation, as aforesaid, according to chapter 13, section 21, but found the door of the church shut against any consultation; the pastor refusing to call a church meeting for that end.

I could find no direction in the Platform nor Scripture for calling a council of churches; on the other hand, I found that the Synod have given their judgment in the case.

They justify the gathering of churches out of churches. They hold it not necessary that the members of a church be all of the same town or parish, but declare, on the contrary, that civil cohabitation is neither a formal cause nor a proper adjunct of church relation. They approve the judgment of Dr. Ames, viz: that if any, wronged with unjust vexation, or providing for his own edification, or in testimony against sin, depart from a church, where some evils are tolerated, and join himself to another, more pure, yet without condemning the church he leaveth, he is not, therefore, to be held as a schismatic, or as guilty of any other sin.

And though they say, (Platform, chapter 13, section 21,) that church members may not remove, or depart from the church, as they please, &c., and (sec. 2) they that are joined with consent, should not depart without, yet the limitations there used, plainly imply, that if there be just and weighty cause, and they are forced to go without consent, they are at liberty to depart, though the consent of the church be not obtained.

I conceive, that difference in opinion about the modes of church government ought not to be made a term of communion, and accordingly I never designed to withdraw from the communion, but only from the government of churches who are not of my opinion with respect to the Platform.

I apprehend, that I had just right to place myself under such a church government as appears to me to be most regular, and conducive to my comfort and satisfaction of mind; and that no preceding act of my own does forfeit the right, or forbid the exercise of it, and this I take to be the right and privilege of every Christian, and an essential principle of the Reformation.

And, accordingly, on August 29, 1732, several of the members, of whom I was one, made application to the church of Hopkinton, to be received into that church. The church of Hopkinton thereupon wrote to the church of Framingham on that head, but the pastor did not communicate it to the church; whereupon, January 20th, I was, with others, received into that church.

To conclude, if the church of Shrewsbury, or any others, are of a contrary persuasion, and think me to be in an error, I shall account myself greatly obliged, if they will endeavor to enlighten me, and do sincerely promise, whatever arguments they shall lay before me for my conviction, shall have, so far as I am capable, a due consideration.

So I remain yours to serve,

SIMON GODDARD."

It appears, by the record, that when the foregoing letter was laid before the church, they expressed their willingness to hear it read; after it was communicated, "many declared it to be beside the business before us."

This letter was not without effect, as will appear by church proceedings after Mr. Cushing's decease, and before the settlement of his successor.

"At a meeting of the church, October 20, at 9 in the morning, all the papers that had been lodged with us relating to Simon and Benjamin Goddard, were read again; and, after reading the result of Hopkinton, and some debates, it was observed, by Col. Ward, that Simon Goddard's case was first to be considered, and seeing he had asked for privilege only by the mouth of others, he was sent for to hear his request from himself; and he personally before the church declared, that he desired occasional or transient communion. And, after he was withdrawn, the church, at my motion, declared, that they were ready for a vote; therefore this vote was propounded to them, viz: If it be your minds, or the minds of any of you, to admit Simon Goddard to occasional or transient communion, under his present circumstances, having removed his relation from the church of Framingham, where he was a member, without their leave, and joined himself to the church of Hopkinton, you are requested to manifest it by moving into the seats on the other side of the meeting house.

And the vote passed in the negative, three to one, or more.

After disposing of that, Benjamin Goddard's case was called. It was proposed to him, to see if he and others could gain further light and satisfaction; and both parties agreeing in it, the

meeting was adjourned to the 15th December, at 9 in the morning."

"October 24, 1735. Ebenezer Bragg came to me, and desired to hear read the proceedings of the church at the meeting on the 20th, as abovesaid. After reading it, he desired a copy of the vote. I gave him one. He then desired I would enter his dissent to that vote. I requested him to tarry till the church meeting, and offer his dissatisfaction to the church, but he still pressed to have it entered now, forthwith."

"December 15th. The church met upon their adjournment, when I observed to the church, that we were met on the case of Benjamin Goddard, that for some time had been before us. Then Benjamin Goddard desired, that a writing signed by him, his brother, Edward Goddard, and John Parker, might be read.

Whereupon I observed to the church, that, some time before, the said persons had delivered a paper to me, in which they declared their dissatisfaction with the church vote relating to their brother, Simon Goddard; but one of the brethren said, that the business of the meeting ought to be attended to, but Benjamin Goddard urged that the said paper might be read first. It accordingly was. A true copy of it now follows."

"To the Rev. Job Cushing, Pastor of the Church in Shrewsbury, to be communicated to the said church."

"Shrewsbury, Nov. 1735.

Rev. and Beloved,

Whereas this church, by their vote of October last, have denied communion unto our brother, Simon Goddard, a member in full communion with the church of Christ in Hopkinton, merely, as we conceive, because of his opinion in point of church order and government, and his asserting and practising upon such principles relating thereto, which he verily believes, as other good men also do, to be agreeable to the principles of the Reformation, the common rights of mankind, and to the holy Scriptures themselves,

We, therefore, think it a duty lying upon us, before we partake any more with this church at the Lord's table, publicly to

declare our dissatisfaction with that vote, and our dissent therefrom; which, accordingly, we now offer for the following reasons, viz:

1. Because we esteem it an unwarrantable imposition upon conscience to require of any person, in order to his enjoying Christian communion, subjection to a form of government under which his conscience cannot rest satisfied; and hereto, as we think, agrees that of the apostle, 1 Cor. 10: 29, 30, Why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience; and why am I evil spoken of for that which I give thanks?

2. Because denying communion with our said brother upon such grounds, on which, as we conceive, that vote must be founded, does, in our opinion, include in it a too uncharitable and unchristian reflection upon the church of Hopkinton.

For, upon supposition that his offering to join himself with that church was criminal, their act in receiving him must be no less so, and yet, though almost three years are passed since their so doing, no means have been used, as we have ever heard of, to convince him or them of any blame, by this or any other church; but, on the contrary, their proceedings have been justified by a late venerable council of churches upon the spot.*

3. Because if this church apprehend that our said brother's translation from Framingham to Hopkinton church was disorderly, which we think is all the pretence on which that vote was founded, yet, since the end of all ecclesiastical censures is the reformation of offenders, and even a man that is a heretic is not to be rejected till after the first and second admonition, communion ought not to be denied to a church, or any of its members, till suitably reproved and admonished in an ecclesiastical way.

We conclude, earnestly desiring, that this church will reconsider the said vote, not doubting, but that, upon a due and impartial review of the matter, they will see abundant reason to retract the same, and express that catholic spirit so ornamental to the Christian profession, which, where it prevails, disposes to maintain communion with all, where there is grounds of hope,

* The result of the council at Hopkinton does not appear of record.

there is the truth of grace, though not of this or that particular sect or party. Referring the whole to your serious consideration, we rest your brethren in the faith.

EDWARD GODDARD,
BENJAMIN GODDARD,
JOHN PARKER."

"This writing being read, Ebenezer Bragg offered a paper to be read, showing dissatisfaction with the church vote."

It is dated Dec. 15, 1735. It is of considerable length, and for the most part, of like tenor with the last preceding letter.

The following extract from it contains one of the reasons, among many others, for his dissent from that vote.

"If I remember right, the church of Hopkinton inform us, by their letter, that they received him (Simon Goddard) upon the Congregational principles; and, except the contrary were made to appear, I cannot see, but that, in denying communion with him, we deny the Congregational principles themselves."

The narrative proceeds: "After reading this, all the writings, that we had lying before us, relating to said Goddard's case, were read; then Edward and Benjamin Goddard pleaded the strangeness and irregularity of the vote the church had passed, relating to their brother, Simon Goddard; others answered, that they had acted their judgment in the case. Major Keyes manifested, that, for his part, he was free to call a council to advise with under these difficulties, if the dissatisfied desired it. Then I moved it to Benjamin Goddard to know, whether the motion suited him, but he, not accepting the motion, signified he chose the church should give him an answer. They readily answered, that they were ready.

Then it was proposed to the church, after what manner they chose to vote. They signified it suited them to vote by separation. Accordingly, when they were all drawn to the west side of the meeting house, this form of a vote was offered to them, and read two or three times: If it be your mind, or the mind of any of you, to dismiss our brother, Benjamin Goddard, to the church in Hopkinton, while his habitation is in Shrewsbury, upon

this plea, that he is persuaded Ruling Elders are of divine institution, and that churches ought to be furnished with them, or by virtue of his writing he laid before us, in which he asks a dismission, you are desired to manifest it by moving into the seats in the other end of the meeting house. The vote passed in the negative; only Ebenezer Bragg and Edward Goddard voted in the affirmative."

"The vote being passed, Benjamin Goddard desired a reason for their voting as they did. He was answered by several, that they acted their judgment, and they thought they ought to do so." The answers did not satisfy him, but he vehemently requested, if not demanded, the church would give an answer in writing.

Whereupon I observed to him, I supposed that Deacon Keyes' objections, that had been offered, were answer enough. Then Edward Goddard asked, whether these objections were acknowledged or swayed with any, but the deacon himself, and, as I remember, all present but four or five, answered, yes."

"I then wrote the answer for the church, that the objections that had been offered by Deacon Keyes, in their opinion, were of weight, and had not been answered."

At the close of this meeting, there appeared a willingness to seek light and direction of a council. "Adjourned to the 25th December, immediately after lecture — the lecture to begin at ten of the clock."

"Dec. 25, 1735. The church met upon adjournment. I observed upon what account we were met. Samuel Crosby then desired the church might know, whether Edward and Benjamin Goddard desired a council, and they answered, they desired one, if the church did." "One or more attending this meeting, butnot present at the previous one, desired that what was offered in writing at that time might be read. Some objected, that it was improper by reason it was not what we met upon; but upon the importunity of B. Goddard, if not some others, the paper read at the last meeting, signed by Edward and Benjamin Goddard, and John Parker, and one offered by E. Bragg, at his importunity, was read"— "then the discourse of calling a council was brought forward — The form of a vote was offered," — "If it be

your minds to join with several of the brethren of the church, who are uneasy with some late church votes and managements, in calling an ecclesiastical council, to advise us in our present difficulties, please to manifest it. "But Edward Goddard, and especially Benjamin Goddard, objected against the method of the vote, asserting that, if the church did not desire a council on their own account, then they should not desire one; but if the church would call one, then they would join with them.

The brethren observed to them, that it was on the account of their uneasiness at the church votes that they offered to join with them in calling a council, but the said Goddard would by no means agree to the calling of a council in this manner; and the church left it to them to form a vote, which they worded thus, — If it be your minds to call an ecclesiastical council, to consider of and advise us upon two votes passed by the church, the one on the 20th of October, the other on the 15th of December, 1735, at which sundry persons are uneasy, you are desired to manifest it. After two or three readings, it was tried, and passed in the negative."

"The aggrieved still manifested great uneasiness at the vote, whereby Simon Goddard was denied occasional communion, and desired it might be mended thus, that they denied him till they received further light, but they refused to do any thing by way of amendment; assuring the aggrieved that they did not deny their brother on account of principles, but on the account of what they specified in the vote relating to him. I then observed we had done what we met upon, and if they were ready, I should put an end to the meeting. One or more moved for it, but the aggrieved remaining so very uneasy, it was proposed to the church, whether it suited them to choose a committee out of the church; and they determined by vote that they would choose one, to consider what method they thought it advisable for the church to pursue with respect to their difficulties; and also to treat with the said Goddards, and see if they could any ways remove their uneasiness, and to make return to the church, on the first Monday in February, at one of the clock, to which time the meeting was adjourned. The committee chosen singly, by vote, were Isaac

Stone, Samuel Crosby, Simon Maynard, Ebenezer Keyes and Joseph Knowlton."

Feb. 2, 1735. Mr. Cushing being desired to attend the funeral of Madam Parkman, at Westboro', this day, the meeting of the church was further adjourned to the 9th inst. When, the church having met, "I observed to them, that the occasion of the meeting was to receive the report and return of the committee we had chosen at a former meeting. Then read, over and over again, their return." It was as follows:

"Pursuant to a vote of the church of Christ in Shrewsbury, at a meeting on the 25th of December, 1735, we have discoursed with the aggrieved brethren; and having duly considered the grounds of their uneasiness, viz: the vote of the church by which Simon Goddard was excluded from communion with this church, and that by which Benjamin Goddard was denied a dismission:

We apprehend that it may induce to the peace and safety of this church, in the first place, for the church to retract their vote, by which Simon Goddard was excluded from communion, and pass such a vote as follows, viz: That they will not debar the said Goddard from occasional and transient communion with them until some censurable evil be made to appear against him; or, secondly, that the church retract the aforesaid vote, and vote as follows, viz: That they desire Simon Goddard not to offer himself to communion with them in holy ordinances until a clearer light and satisfaction, in the proper use of means, may be gained, referring to his translation of his membership from Framingham to Hopkinton church.

Thirdly. As to the vote by which Benjamin Goddard was denied a dismission, we refer you to the consideration of our church Platform, chapter 13, section 3.

ISAAC STONE,
SAMUEL CROSBY,
EBENEZER KEYES."*

* Only three out of five of the Committee sign this report.

"This being read, Col. Ward observed, he thought it proper to examine the return of the Committee in the several parts and paragraphs distinctly. Accordingly that part of it was first read," "That it might induce," (&c., to retract their vote excluding Simon Goddard from communion. See the report.) "And when they had chosen to vote by separation, it was proposed to them, that if it were their minds to accept that part of the Committee's return, they would manifest it by removing into the east end of the house, and the vote passed in the negative. Then that part was read, "and pass such a vote, &c., that will not debar said Goddard from occasional communion," &c., and passed in the negative. Then that part was read, that the church retract the aforesaid vote relating to Simon Goddard. This also passed in the negative. Then some brethren showed uneasiness at the last vote, and said it never was intended that should be voted without annexing to it what followed. This the Committee observed. Then it was put to vote thus: Or, secondly, that the church retract the aforesaid vote, and vote as follows, viz: That they desire said Goddard not to offer himself to communion with them in holy ordinances until a clearer light and satisfaction in the use of proper means may be gained, referring to the translation of his membership from Framingham to Hopkinton church. This being tried, it passed in the affirmative, very fully.

Then tried by vote the last article, (in Committee's report,) as to the vote by which Benjamin Goddard was denied dismission, we refer you to the consideration of our church Platform, chapter 13, section 3. And this passed in the affirmative, viz: That we would consider the matter. Then it was observed, we were bound to be in the use of proper means. Then it was proposed, whether they would send a Committee to the church of Framingham, again to report to them what we had heard from them, and to desire them to send us an account, how, or on what account, said Goddard left them, and send an answer to some of his accusations we should lay before them. But when we came to vote for a Committee, one, and I think, Edward Goddard, pleaded it was the best and fairest way to choose by written votes. Accordingly, in this method, they chose, singly, Major Keyes,

Col. Ward and Daniel Garfield; and the direction given them by the church, was to take Simon Goddard's complaint against Mr. Swift and Framingham church; and also to request that they would make return to us. Then it was thought proper to send in writing to the church of Framingham, and I was desired to write to them; but I observed these troubles fell heavily upon me, and I desired that the Committee might prepare something; if they would, I would sign it. However, the meeting was adjourned to February 26, 1736, that the church might see what was prepared to send to Framingham church."

"February 26. The church met upon their adjournment, and I read what was prepared to send to Framingham. I observed, that if Simon Goddard had prepared any thing to send to that church, I thought it was proper that what we sent should refer to it. The reason of this was, at the former meeting it was proposed that Simon Goddard should send his grievance himself. His brother answered, he did not doubt but that he would do it; but it was observed by some, that Simon Goddard had said, that what he had before delivered to the church was sufficient, and that he would not send any thing now. I proposed to the church, that myself, in conjunction with the Committee chosen to carry the message to Framingham, might take what we thought meet out of what I had prepared, and insert in it what of change was found in the letter Simon Goddard had before delivered to the church; and nobody objecting, a vote was called for, and passed in the affirmative. Adjourned to April 29, 1736."

"Then the church met on their adjournment; I read to them a letter I had received from John Green, of Brookfield, whose house and two of his children had been consumed by fire, requesting a contribution from them. I then desired them, some special reason moving me thereunto, to let me know their minds relating to the offering of confessions by persons that have offended, whether they should be before the church only, or before the whole congregation; and by what was said, I took it that it suited them that they should be offered before the congregation.

I then observed on what account the adjournment of our meeting was, viz: to receive the return from Framingham, and that I

had received no return — Major Keyes, one of the Committee, having been hindered by sickness in his family. John Crosby observed to the church, that he was dissatisfied with a paper of objections, that had been offered by Edward Goddard, Benjamin Goddard and John Parker, very much faulting a church vote of October last, saying, that, in his opinion, it greatly reflected on the church, and on himself in particular, not being at the meeting when that vote passed. Col. Ward said, that in his opinion nothing should be brought before the church but what was in writing. Crosby said he only mentioned it now, and would give his objections in writing at the next meeting. Some asked, why something had not been done before this time, and said Crosby answered, he had talked with Benjamin Goddard once and again, but had received no satisfaction. Upon agitating these things, Edward Goddard said he was offended with said Crosby. Then his brother spoke to the same purpose, and said they thought the sacrament had best be delayed. [This meeting was holden after lecture preparatory to communion.] Others answered, they saw no reason for it. Then the Committee chosen to treat with said Goddards, and see if they could in any measure remove their difficulty, said, they had promised, or given them encouragement, that they would do something with respect to an alteration in their paper of objections. Others replied, the Committee had told them this before. Then it was proposed to try a vote, and see what number could not come to the communion on the ensuing Sabbath, and upon trying, by separation, there was only Edward and Benjamin Goddard, and Ebenezer Bragg that declined coming. Then Col. Ward inquired, who they were offended with? The Goddards said they were offended with John Crosby. Bragg answered, he was not out of charity with any, but uneasy and dissatisfied because of the difference between the others. Then they were advised to see if they could not remove the difficulty among them so far, as that it might not be a bar to communicating together.

Adjourned to Sabbath day; and the church desired, that if the distance between these brethren were removed, I would let them know it before the communion. Immediately upon this, the said

Goddards and Crosby repaired to my house, and soon removed their difficulty so far as it related to a separation, and informed me I might tell the church. Accordingly, before the communion, I observed to the church, that the difficulty that had been among these brethren was removed, so as not to hinder their communion. At the church meeting, Edward Goddard said he was out of charity with Peter Smith; but Smith repaired to my house, with those other brethren, and I took it that what of uneasiness had arose between them was removed. Then adjourned to 14th June, at 9 of the clock, in the morning."

"June 14th. The church met, upon adjournment, and I observed, that we adjourned to receive an answer from Framingham church, and that nothing had been delivered to me to communicate. Then the Committee, chosen to carry our message to Framingham church, was requested to give an account; and they declared, that Mr. Swift told them, that in order to his bringing that matter before the church, he needed some writings, that had been brought before a council, that sat at Framingham some years past; and the writings were lodged, as he apprehended, with Mr. Stoddard, of Chelmsford, who was clerk to the said council; and seeing the time, that he had been applied to before our meeting, was so short, desired that the meeting might be adjourned; but Benjamin Goddard opposed; but it was thought proper to try a vote as to adjournment, and it clearly passed in the affirmative to adjourn to the last Monday in August. Then one of the brethren observed, that at the last meeting there was objection offered against a paper of objections, that three of the brethren had offered to the church, after some debate, and a discovery made, that about fourteen of the brethren had signed a paper that they had ready to offer, it was proposed to them [the fourteen] to say, what they would accept of, in a general way, and not offer their paper."

The matter was briefly this — the fourteen thought, that the three had, "in their paper" of objections, charged the church with false and unfair dealing; and when it was offered to the fourteen to know, whether if the three "could say, they had not thus charged the church, they would accept it and be easy; they an-

swered in the affirmative. I then asked the other party, whether they could comply to offer this? They readily answered in the affirmative; and Edward and Benjamin Goddard and John Parker declared, in open church meeting, that they had no intent, in their paper of objections against the church vote, relating to their brother Simon Goddard, to charge the church with falsehood, or intimate that they had been guilty of false or deceitful dealing." [This was freely offered on the one part, and as freely accepted on the other, as satisfactory.] "This matter being finished, B. Goddard, by word of mouth, renewed his request for a dismission. Some observed, that he had done that before, and that the church had given him an answer; therefore we had best dismiss it." "At length, it was voted to give him an answer at the next meeting."

"Then I advised those that had been objecting against the paper above referred unto, and those that had signed it, to be very careful and watchful; that they might lay aside debates about that matter, that no more difficulty might arise about it."

"Aug. 30, 1736. The church met, &c. I opened the meeting, observing to the brethren, that our meeting was adjourned to receive an answer from Framingham church, and it was desired that I should read our letter to the church of Framingham before the answer sent to it. Accordingly it was read." Thus —

"To the Rev. Mr. John Swift, Pastor, &c., Framingham, to be communicated to said church — sent by delegates."

"Shrewsbury, May 21, 1736.

Rev. and Beloved,

We address you at this time for light and satisfaction with respect to that good order and government, that ought to be observed in all the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ, and which we desire might flourish with us. The particular occasion of our needing it at this time is the request of Simon Goddard, and sundry of our brethren on his behalf, that he might enjoy occasional or transient communion with us in special ordinances. We need not tell you, for information, that he is now an inhabitant with us, and not long since was with you, and a brother of your church.

But would observe to you, that he has laid before us two reasons for his removing his church relation from you to the church of Hopkinton.

The one is, that he chose to stand related to a church of the Congregational principles. As to this plea or reason, we need not trouble you to inform us in order to our passing judgment.

The other reason is, abusive and unbecoming treatment. That is what we desire light in, especially. We shall refer you to his own words and sayings, particularly in two letters; the one directed to Hopkinton church, wherein they desire to be received into their fellowship and communion. As for his complaint against you, or the grounds of his uneasiness with the pastor, or church of Framingham, or both, we shall refer you to his other letter, under his own hand, directed to the church of Shrewsbury.

We desire a return from your church relating to these things; that so we might know what the accused, as well as accusing party, has to say; and be clear of that just imputation that all are chargeable with, that answer a matter before they hear it. Thus having represented our case, we earnestly desire you would please seasonably to return us an answer, &c.

JOB CUSHING, *Pastor,*

In the name, at the desire, and by the assistance of the church in Shrewsbury."

Copy of Rev. Mr. Swift's reply.

"Framingham, June 29, 1736.

Rev. Sir,

My domestic troubles being so great and heavy, I hope you will excuse my not writing to you sooner, as I think they might from my not writing at all.

Respecting my not being Congregational, according to the Platform, I must say, that the Congregational principles, rightly understood, were the first that I imbibed, and have, I think, always professed, adhered to, and practised. I suppose both myself and church [to practise them] as much as any Congregational pastors and churches hath in New England, even according to the Platform, as it agrees with our confession of faith.

Respecting the Hopkintonian scheme about lay or ruling elders, (if I have heard right about it,) I look upon it to be as dissonant from the Platform, as darkness is contrary to light; and am afraid that it will prove the procuring cause of the ruin and overthrow of that once flourishing church.

I do not remember that there hath ever been any process against Squire Goddard, (as he is commonly called, I mean the father of Simon,) in the church of Christ in Framingham — only I remember that some of the brethren of the church took offence at some reflections, which the said Squire Goddard had cast upon me at a certain church meeting; and that was laid before the church at two or three church meetings. At length — whether the said Squire was absent or present I do not remember — I asked the brethren whether they thought, that those reflections were censurable evils, and it passed in the negative, and so the matter dropped.

If they had voted in the affirmative, the said Squire should have been cited and heard fairly. But if I remember, and I think I do, that, and many other things, were under the cognizance of a venerable council of churches, that were on the spot, I think, Anno 1730. And for a single church afterward to haul that matter over, the council being satisfied, looks to me to retrograde a motion, and I cannot account for it. What I now send you, is according to the best of my remembrance; my papers, which are many, being lodged with the Rev. Mr. Stoddard, pastor of the Chelmsford church, who was clerk of the said council. If any of you will be at the cost and pains to bring me authentic copies of those papers attested by the said clerk, I shall be able to give you a more full account of those things.

As to the admission of fugitive or separating brethren to transient communion, when they have left a stated [church] of their own choosing, I think cannot with wisdom be granted, especially if it tend to any disturbance in the church where it is desired, and I wonder why such transient communion should be desired by them, unless the same spirit moves them as caused their separation; and, if I remember right, there was no discipline in motion in the church at Framingham, wherein the separatists were

any ways endangered, when they began their first motion about Ruling Elders, &c. I do not think, and I have been justified in it, that any pastor is obliged to lay before his church every address, or paper, that is directed accordingly to be communicated. I wish and pray, that wisdom and sound judgment, peace and good order may be the stability of the church of Christ in Shrewsbury, and of all the churches; and that no root of bitterness may ever arise among them, whereby any shall be offended. Asking your prayers for me and mine, I am, according to my ability, in all Gospel services, &c.

JOHN SWIFT.

To the Rev. Job Cushing, communicandum."

"I observed to them, before the above was read, that the return we had was only from the Rev. Mr. Swift, and not from Framingham church; the Goddards, and some others, pleaded that it might not be read; others chose it should be read; I tried a vote, and it passed in the affirmative."

"This letter being read over and over, and after much debate, I signified, that, in my opinion, our present managements depended on a former vote of the church, viz: Or, secondly, that the church retract the aforesaid vote, and vote that they desire Simon Goddard not to offer himself to communion, &c., until a clearer light, &c., may be obtained; referring to the translation of his membership from Framingham to Hopkinton church." "I then tried the vote, thus, If you have gained such light and satisfaction with respect to Simon Goddard's removing his membership from Framingham to Hopkinton church, as to admit him to communion with you, you will manifest it? This was done by separation, and the vote passed in the negative."

"I observed to the brethren, that Benjamin Goddard renewed his request at the last meeting, and read to them the record of it, and their reply to him."

"B. Goddard admitted there was weight in some of the objections offered by Deacon Keyes, but contended, that Ruling Elders, as well as Teaching Elders, are of divine appointment. That the whole power of rule and government of a church

ought not to be placed in a single elder." "That, as there is a bench of judges in a court, there ought to be a bench of elders in a church, in order that justice be impartially administered between brother and brother, in causes coming before the church." "He entreated they would consider his case, and remember what a hard thing it was to retain his relation, where he could not be easy; pleaded how he was conscience-bound, and was censured by one of the brethren — that they ought to be as tender of their own consciences as of his." "Deacon Keyes said he durst not do it, by reason, he thought, it would tend to destroy the church." Some were disposed to have the meeting adjourned, inasmuch as "some thought it not only improper to grant his request, but especially to Hopkinton church. Some discourse was moved of granting him a dismission to another church of the same principles, as his phrase was, particularly to Mr. Webb's church, in Boston." "But it was observed, we could not adjourn on any such account, considering our answer to him at the last meeting, we had best give him an answer now. I tried it by a vote, and it passed in the affirmative." Then "I proposed this form of a vote: If it be your minds to dismiss Benjamin Goddard to Hopkinton church, while his habitation is in Shrewsbury, upon renewing of his request to you, and his reasons before offered to you, you are desired to manifest it? This being read over and over again, and approved, the brethren were desired to gather themselves into the seats at the west end of the meeting house; then the vote was read again with this addition, by moving into the seats in the east end of the meeting house; and the vote abundantly passed in the negative. It was allowed, we had finished the business we met upon, and I declared the meeting dissolved."

"Nov. 3, 1736. Edward Goddard and Ebenezer Bragg presented, at a church meeting, a paper, desiring a dismission to Hopkinton church; some desired it might be read; others desired it might not be read." "I thought it the clearest way to try their minds by a vote, and it passed in the negative."

"Nov. 11, 1736. After the annual thanksgiving service, I observed, that Edward Goddard and Ebenezer Bragg desired a

copy of what was done at the previous meeting. But at this time, their request for a dismission was read."

"Addressed to the pastor, with a request that it may be communicated to the church." Thus,

"Shrewsbury, Oct. 29, 1736.

Rev. and Beloved,

We think it is evident, both from Scripture and experience, that two cannot walk together, except they be agreed; and inasmuch as there are at least two points, referring to the discipline appointed by Christ in his church, wherein we are constrained to differ from the opinion and judgment of this church; and those points so essential in the practice of church order and discipline, that we cannot act in faith in the discharge of the duties, nor expect to share in the privileges of a church relation with this church respecting its discipline; we desire, that you grant us a dismission to a church of the same principles with ourselves, and where we may, notwithstanding its remoteness, at some times and on some occasions, bear a part in the duties, and share in the privileges of church discipline. We, therefore, desire your charitable dismission of us to the church of Christ in Hopkinton; first, because that church is furnished with a presbytery, which we account necessary. Secondly, because we esteem it a decent and Christian respect to be paid to a church, to desire and endeavor to obtain its consent in the removal of a church relation.

EDWARD GODDARD,
EBENEZER BRAGG."

No action was had at this time on their request.

Jan. 20, 1737. A letter from the church in Hopkinton, to the church in Shrewsbury, was read to the brethren by the Rev. Mr. Cushing. Thus,

"Rev. and Beloved,

These are to inform you, that one of your brethren, Benjamin Goddard, hath offered his desire to join in full communion with this church. The ground of his desire is," &c. [This I omit. It being the same on which he asked a dismission from the church in Shrewsbury.] "It is our earnest desire, therefore, that you would testify your charity to us, either by giving your said brother

letters of dismission and recommendation to us, or by laying before us such objections as may be a sufficient bar to our reception of him into full communion with us.

We also acquaint you, that the wife of Benjamin Goddard stands publicly propounded for full communion with us — that, if there be any objections against her being received, this church may have seasonable notice thereof, which we desire may be by the first of February next; at which time this church is to meet and act what we think proper, respecting the admission or non-admission of the said Benjamin Goddard into our fellowship and communion. Thus commending you to the grace of God, &c.

SAMUEL BARRETT, *Pastor*,
JOSEPH HAVEN, } *Ruling*
JOSEPH BIXBEE, } *Elders.*

In the name and with the consent of the church.
Hopkinton, Dec. 17, 1736.

We have appointed our brother, Simon Goddard, to wait upon you for an answer."

Answer sent to the church of Hopkinton.

"To the Rev. Mr. Samuel Barrett, Pastor of, &c., to be communicated.

Shrewsbury, Jan. 26, 1737.

Rev. and Beloved,

You have, in your writing, directed to us, informed us, that you earnestly desire," &c., &c. [Same as in the letter from Hopkinton.]

"Now these may certify you, that he asked a dismission from us to you, and that his request was under consideration more than a year, and at a great number of church meetings. And what was transacted in them relating to this affair, would be very costly, as to time and other ways, to relate. But we would observe to you, that soon after his request was laid before the church, with respect to dismissing him in the manner he requested, and although he attempted to answer those objections, [raised against his dismission,] yet, when the church came to give him a full answer to his request, he insisted on their telling him

why they voted as they did — they agreed in giving of him this answer, that, in their judgment, the objections that had been offered, were of weight, and had not been answered; and some of these objections, we have, since the first offering of them, found to be great and weighty, by what hath occurred among us — the principal heads of those objections are these — as

1. It seems to be contrary to the holy Scriptures.
2. To be abundantly contrary to the Platform.
3. To the church covenant.
4. To be contrary to the practice of Congregational churches, if not to the practice of all the churches in Christendom, to withdraw without greater reason.

A copy of thsee objections, with what was offered under them, the said Goddard soon had.

So that our answer to him, we apprehend, is as full for you as for him — and what weight there is in the objections, we leave you to judge of.

As for what you request, with respect to the wife of Benjamin Goddard, viz: if we have any objections to make against her being received into full communion with you, we would do it. Now, if by your sending to us with respect to her, you desired, that she should be propounded with us according to our usual manner, the time you gave us was so short, that it could not be done, if the bearer of your letter did his verbal message according to order.

Thus we have, after our manner, answered your requests, and wishing you the best of blessings, &c.

JOB CUSHING, *Pastor.*

In the name, at the desire, and by vote of the church."

Then follows, in the narrative, a note by Mr. Cushing, thus;

"The reason of my saying, if the bearer of their letter did his message according to order, was, that he told me, by word of mouth, and desired me to tell the church, that said Goddard's wife was to be admitted the next Sabbath, sevennight, so that, as I said, there was not time for her being propounded with us, if that was what they aimed at."

"June 26, 1737. After Sabbath exercise, I read to the church a letter from Hopkinton, which I received three or four days before."

It was addressed to the pastor, to be communicated.

"Rev. and Beloved,

Whereas Edward Goddard, Jr. and Ebenezer Bragg, both members in full communion with you, have offered their desire to be received into full communion with us." [Dismission was desired in their behalf. If there were objections, they requested they might be offered.] "Brother Simon Goddard is appointed to convey these lines to you, and wait upon you for answer.

SAMUEL BARRETT, *Pastor*
JOSEPH HAVEN, } *Ruling*
JOSEPH BIXBEE. } *Elders.*"

Hopkinton, June 18, 1737.

"After reading this letter, I observed to the brethren, that there was one or two things respecting the writing, that they could not know, but by my means — as that the letter was not signed by the elders in the name and with the consent of the church, as the other letter we had from them was. I also observed, that the Ruling Elders' names, in both their letters they had directed to us, were not written by the same persons; and that, if they apprehended it a material thing for them to sign in their office, then it was not sufficient for another to supply their names.

One of the brethren said, that, if the letter did not come in the church's name, he apprehended it improper for us to answer it; for, says he, in times past, letters have been rejected or objected against for not being sent from the church. Another replied, if the matter were so, he did not like it any better than he did. No one moving any thing, the matter rested and we departed."

"Oct. 2, 1737, viz: Sabbath day, I informed the church, that Ebenezer Bragg informed me, that the church of Hopkinton had admitted him a member of their church; and that he desired occasional communion with the church in Shrewsbury, and I referred

it to the church, to give him an answer on the next Thursday after lecture."

"Oct. 6. After lecture, I told the brethren, if it suited them, Ebenezer Bragg might deliver his message himself." He did so, and, "by word of mouth, told them the church of Hopkinton had received him under their government; and, that notwithstanding, he desired occasional communion with them. After some debate, and for some reasons — it being reported, he had said, we had not used means with him, — the church deferred giving him an answer until next lecture day; and chose Ebenezer Keyes, John Crosby and Dea. Cyprian Keyes, to treat with said Bragg."

"Dec. 5, 1737. The church met. The Committee chosen to treat with Ebenezer Bragg, reported, that he manifested a dislike of a vote passed on the 3d of November, 1736, by which they denied reading a writing preferred unto them by Edward Goddard and Ebenezer Bragg, to dismiss them to Hopkinton church — whereupon it was moved to retract that vote."

"After some debate, a vote was tried, whether they would nullify the vote passed on the 3d of November, though not at a formal church meeting, and that their request may be read at this meeting, and passed in the affirmative."

"Then proceeded to read the abovesaid request. Then tried a vote, whether they would dismiss said Bragg and Goddard to Hopkinton church, upon what they had offered, and it passed in the negative." "The church agreed, for some reasons, to defer Ebenezer Bragg's request until next lecture day."

"Feb. 2, 1738, the church met, and what was done at the previous meeting was read. After considerable time, it was urged to adjourn the meeting for a considerable time, that we might well consider the affairs before us. At length, tried a vote to adjourn to the first Thursday in September next, at 3 of the clock, and that the case of our brother, Ebenezer Bragg, and the case of our brother, Benja. Goddard, be referred to that meeting, for further consideration, and that each of them be desired to refrain offering themselves to communion with this church, until this church has determined on their cases, and that the pastor should give each of them a copy of this vote, and it passed in the affirmative."

"Sept. 7, 1738. The church met — more than half the brethren being absent, they agreed to adjourn. Mr. Stone [Isaac] pleaded abundantly, that the church would send in writing to Mr. Bragg, what divine rule he had broken, or what they objected against him. I observed, I was free and desirous, that the dissatisfied would make it their business, in a private way, to see if they could satisfy themselves, or Mr. Bragg, by a friendly conference. But I declared, that I could not, and should not, be promoting the church's sending; for the reason, he had already been treated with in this way by the church. Also, I had been blamed by some, in time past, in promoting an adjournment, when the aggrieved had been borne with as long as was thought reasonable, and it made way for many meetings; and that such a message, sent by the church, would make way for another meeting, if not many.

A vote was offered and passed, after they had mended it as long as they pleased, to adjourn to the 31st of October, in order to the church's being better agreed, and to their using further means with E. Bragg, and to adjourn B. Goddard's case, for want of time to determine now. This meeting held a pretty while by candle-light."

"Oct. 31, 1738. Met and tried a vote, whether they were ready to give E. Bragg an answer. Passed in the affirmative. After much debate about wording it, it was tried in this way, If you are so dissatisfied with our brother E. Bragg's leaving this church and joining himself to the church of Hopkinton, in the manner he has done, as to withdraw communion from him, please to signify it? The vote clearly passed in the affirmative.

Immediately upon passing this vote, Isaac Stone, Samuel Crosby, Ebenezer Bragg, and Ebenezer Keyes desired to have their dissent to this vote entered. They and one more [had] voted in the negative; and the reason Isaac Stone rendered was, that he apprehended, it was the privilege every one should enjoy to be under the discipline of a church, which he, in his conscience, thought most scriptural.

Then proceeded to consider B. Goddard's case, and the answer he had sent to the church in writing, which was now read, and worded thus:"

"Jan. 26, 1738.

Rev. and Beloved,

I received a message, with a copy of a vote of the church of December last, acquainting me, that the said church is dissatisfied with my long neglecting the communion of said church, and not informing them why, or on what account I did so. Therefore, although I thought the said church had been sufficiently apprised of the reasons thereof, by the requests I had divers times offered for a dismission to the church of Hopkinton, and the letter of the church of Hopkinton acquainting the church of Shrewsbury with my desire of admission into the said church of Hopkinton, and also by the particular information that was given to the Rev. Mr. Cushing, by my brother Simon, of my being admitted into that church — yet, to remove all uneasiness, as far as I may, out of the mind of the Rev. pastor, or any of the brethren of this church, I now further add, that agreeably to the Christian liberty, which I firmly believe to be allowed, not only by our Platform, but also by the holy Scriptures, and pursuant also to the advice, in like case, of a venerable council, convened at Hopkinton, Sept. 19, 1735, I was orderly and regularly admitted into the church of Hopkinton, where I have constantly attended the communion. And though I am obliged to dissent from yourselves in point of church order, yet I am far from allowing in myself such a schismatic or uncharitable spirit, as to deny or absent myself from communion with this or any other of the faithful churches of Christ, in any special ordinances, though differing from my opinion respecting church government, and therefore have not on any such account absented myself from your communion, but, understanding that yourselves have not the same apprehensions that I have of the nature of the case, and knowing that you have denied communion to one of Hopkinton church, on account of his going off from the church of Framingham to the church of Hopkinton, I have not offered to commune here since I laid my desire before the church of Hopkinton, to be admitted into that church.

So wishing for yourselves, and desiring your prayers for me, that we may all be enriched with more abundant measures of

wisdom and spiritual understanding, and every grace of the Holy Spirit, I rest yours in the common faith.

BENJAMIN GODDARD."

"After some debate, and reasoning on this answer, this form of a vote was offered, If you are satisfied with the answer our brother B. Goddard sent us, respecting the church's message to him, for his neglecting the communion of this church, please to manifest it. It clearly passed in the negative."

Edward Goddard, to a like message, sent a similar answer; and a vote in the same form as the preceding, tried and passed in the negative.

"Mr. Stone pleaded that he could not be easy, until the church proceeded to admonish the brethren to whom they had denied communion. Some replied to him, if they should proceed to an admonition, they would not regard it." Then adjourned to 6th February next, "to do something further respecting E. Goddard, B. Goddard and E. Bragg's leaving this church in the manner they did."

Mr. Cushing, in a note, observes that "at the opening of the last meeting, I signified to the brethren, it was probable it might be the last meeting we should have on such account. This I did to quicken the brethren to attend the meeting, yet I was no ways resolved they should not have as many meetings as appeared necessary — and as there were not half the brethren at the former meeting, so neither at this. Moreover, I observed to the brethren, that it was upwards of twenty meetings I had attended on these accounts; and that it evidently appeared the church was more divided in opinion about the occasions of the meetings, than they were some years past; and that things had so borne upon me, that I had frequently of late thought of asking a dismission."

Feb. 6, 1739. The church met. "I read to the brethren the whole of what was done at the last meeting, and, several times, how the adjournment was worded; and after some debate, whether we should look forward or backward in the affair before us — at length agreed to try the form of a vote, viz:

To retract the vote that passed at our last church meeting, whereby the church declared, they were so dissatisfied with E. Bragg's leaving this church and joining himself to the church of Hopkinton in the manner he hath done it, as to withdraw communion from him — and it passed in the affirmative."

"This being done, it was observed, that we were obliged, by a former vote, to give said Bragg an answer to his request, that had been some time lying before them." "Some thought something should be done by way of admonition." "Then the form of a vote was proposed, viz: To send an admonition in writing to our brethren, E. Bragg, E. Goddard, and B. Goddard, for their withdrawing from the discipline of this church in the manner they all did. Passed in the affirmative."

"Deacon Cyprian Keyes and Daniel Garfield were deputed to read the following letter of admonition to the persons abovenamed:"

"To Ebenezer Bragg, Edward Goddard, and Benjamin Goddard, who have informed us, that they have withdrawn themselves from the discipline of the church of Christ in Shrewsbury, which they voluntarily subjected themselves unto in time past, and joined themselves to the church in Hopkinton, while your cohabitation is in Shrewsbury — therefore we think it proper to signify to you, that we now think of your case as we did before, viz: That this action of yours was not grounded on a well regulated conscience. This, we apprehend, was sufficiently signified to you, in those seasonable objections, that were offered against persons taking the course you did. We further apprehend, that you are not to be justified in this action of yours, seeing this church offered to join with you in calling an ecclesiastical council, to advise and direct us under our difficulties, after you had greatly blamed the church for some votes they had passed respecting this affair. We also signify to you, that, in our apprehension, you have violated the church covenant, most solemnly and formally entered into, and not walked agreeable to the solemn obligations you laid yourselves under amongst us, in time past, and although one of you is pleased to ask for occasional communion with this

church, and we know not but that the other two may request the same thing, we let you understand, that the very request seems to us improper, seeing you have left the stated communion of this church in such a manner as we find many Christians, as well as ourselves, cannot account for; and considering what has personally been done and is now offered by this church, we hope you will receive it as our Christian monitor, [admonition,] and that it may influence you to rectify what we have declared to be offensive unto us, and to return to us, and subject yourselves to our church covenant again.

Moreover we would put you in mind, that plead so much for conscience, to consider how incumbent it is on you to be very careful of grieving the consciences of others, seeing so many among us have declared that they cannot act in faith in communing with you under your present circumstances; or, at least, to refrain offering yourselves, until you are certain this church is well agreed in such a thing. And wishing that you and we may have divine guidance in this day of trouble, that so remarkably calls for it, we subscribe ourselves your aggrieved brethren.

JOB CUSHING, *Pastor.*

In the name and at the desire of the church.
Shrewsbury, Feb. 6, 1739."

"At the desire of the church, I have read the within written to the persons to whom it was directed.

CYPRIAN KEYES."

Feb. 9, 1739.

"I signified to the brethren," says Mr. Cushing, "before the last meeting was dissolved, that if there should be dissatisfaction with any, at what the church had done, and division be like to increase, I advised they would seasonably call a council."

April 24, 1740. Mr. Cushing informed the brethren of the church, that he had received a reply to what was read to those that had withdrawn.

Also a writing from E. Goddard's wife, requesting a dismission to Hopkinton church. A church meeting was then appointed to be holden on the 19th of May, to consider the same.

"May 19th, the church met, and chose a Committee, consisting of the Pastor, Dea. Cyprian Keyes, Ebenezer Keyes, Isaac Stone, and Samuel Crosby, to offer something to the church at their next meeting, relating to the affair before us."

"June 16, 1740. The church met, and after many debates on matters before us," [nothing is said of a report being made,] "a vote was tried 'to adjourn this meeting to the 25th of August,' [then] to choose a council to advise, &c., respecting all votes and managements relating to E. Bragg, E. Goddard, and B. Goddard's removing their church relation to Hopkinton church, and all other matters relating thereunto, and that these persons, mentioned by name, be served with a copy of this vote, by the hands of William Taylor and Ebenezer Keyes, and desired to meet us at our adjournment, to join with us in calling an ecclesiastical council on the affairs mentioned; unless the church, at their adjournment, should so far remove their difficulties as to render the calling of a council needless."

"Passed in the affirmative."

"Aug. 25, 1740. The church met, and after reading a writing directed to us, by E. Goddard, E. Bragg, and B. Goddard, and some writings the committee before mentioned had drawn up, that were read at the last meeting, and manifold debates, this form of a vote was tried; To retract and make void your votes, by which you have debarred those brethren the communion of this church, who have deserted from this church on account of different principles relating to church government in such a manner as to withdraw from the discipline of this church, and allow them communion in all the ordinances of the Gospel."* "Passed in the affirmative. Nine voted in the affirmative, and eight on the other side. Daniel Garfield and Abraham Knowlton desired their dissent to be entered to said vote."

"Voted, That Dea. C. Keyes serve those that are separated from us, viz., in church discipline, with a copy of the church vote, and inform E. Goddard's wife that her plea for leaving this church,

* It was voted, subsequently, that this was not to extend to them the right of voting in this church.

is so much taken off, that the church think it not proper to vote upon it, until they hear further from her." Meeting dissolved.

"Oct. 27, 1740. The church met to consider the desire of sundry of the brethren, that means might be used with them to satisfy them respecting what had been done relating to the admission of those that had separated from the discipline of the church, and in case they could not, to join with them in calling a council. After sundry debates, voted to adjourn to Dec. 1, to know whether the means proposed to be used have removed the uneasiness of the dissatisfied; and if they have not, to join with them in calling a council to advise," &c.

"Dec. 1, 1740, the church met, and after some excuse made for not using means to satisfy the dissatisfied brethren so seasonably as was proposed, and after long debating things with the dissatisfied brethren, and trying their minds by separation, it appeared three or four could not come to the communion, if those that had separated from the discipline of this church should not come. Night coming on, and it being very stormy, adjourned to the 8th December, to complete the business before us."

Dec. 8, 1740, the church met, and some papers, together with the records of past meetings were read. "After this, it appeared, by conference, some were dissatisfied that the brethren should come to the communion of the church, that had deserted from the communion of the church in discipline, until they had opportunity to speak with them, and I discovered that I was of this mind. Then adjourned for half an hour to discourse the persons mentioned. After which, I made return, that my uneasiness was in some measure removed. Two others made return that they were satisfied; two, that some dissatisfaction remained with them. By reason the uneasiness among them was in a great measure removed, the meeting was dissolved."

June 7, 1742, the church "retracted their vote whereby they prevented Simon Goddard enjoying occasional communion with them in special ordinances, and admitted him to them as fully as he had enjoyed them at any time before."

Although the question of having Ruling Elders in the church, and the uneasiness that had so long agitated the church on the

subject of church discipline, had now so far subsided, as to be spoken of in the "narrative," no more, yet the heart burnings that had arisen from the votes of the church and the speeches of individual members, in their discussions, in this long protracted controversy, induced several of the members in the latter period of it to withdraw from the communion; and although unwearied pains seems to have been taken to reconcile them to return, they were, in most instances, unavailing.

Zebediah Johnson, who had been admitted to full church privilege, in 1743, sent to the church a letter, of which this is a copy: —

Shrewsbury, April 25, 1744.

To the first church in said town.*

Whereas you have been pleased to send to me, by sundry of the brethren, to know for what reason I withdraw from the public worship here, on Sabbath day, and also from communion with you in the ordinance of the supper; to which requests I answer; for this reason, because I look upon it, that the word of God is not preached in truth as it is in Jesns, and because the most of those belonging to this church, that I have talked with, profess to receive it as the word of God in truth.

ZEBEDIAH JOHNSON.

The church merely voted, that his answers were not satisfactory; probably "by reason the said Johnson had discovered great concern about religion of late." Other messages were subsequently sent to him of which he took no notice. His wife Esther, for the like cause, received notice to send, in writing, the reason of her absenting herself, &c. She readily complied, thus —

"Shrewsbury, June 27, 1749.

To the First Church of Shrewsbury, greeting.

Whereas you are pleased to send some to know my reason for not attending with you on the word preached, &c., they are as followeth: 1. I was, as I believe, called out from you by God's

* The Second Church, now Boylston, was gathered in 1743, of which hereafter.

words — especially by those words, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away.

As I conceive, by the word of God, neither the doctrine that has been preached, nor yet the church, is built upon a living Christ by a living faith; but I rather look upon it to [as] a dead faith upon which it is built. And so remain your hearty well wisher, and would entreat every one of you seasonably to examine the foundation on which you are built.

ESTHER JOHNSON."

I believe these are the only instances recorded in the "narrative," wherein ill temper is manifested on the part of those who withdrew. Certain it is, the church, in their written communications to them, were studious to avoid giving offence, and desirous to know the reason of their non-attendance merely that, if possible, they might remove it.

I have copied more copiously from the "narrative" than I contemplated when I began, but not more so, I think, than I ought, in justice to the parties concerned in those transactions, as well as to the reader. For to have given only a few extracts from it would have been unsatisfactory to all; and to have passed it over in silence would have been unpardonable. I have considered it a duty to state things truly as I find them, leaving the reader to make his own comments. Yet I may be permitted to say, the question of having Ruling Elders in the church, and that of church discipline, was, while under consideration here, agitating the churches around us, and although it was, in this place, a novel question, when started by Simon Goddard, it soon became one of great importance, and occupied much of our forefathers' time.

The Goddards were men of good education for that day, of strong minds, independent, and given to investigation. The correspondence, as carried on, was ably conducted on their part, and the "retractions," afterwards made by the church, conclusively prove, that liberty of conscience, and the religious rights of man, were beginning to be better understood.

The quaintness of the style, the proceedings of the then infant church — the parent stock and fathers of the present brotherhood, and of all such as shall unite with them in coming time — together with the deep and mighty working of the human mind, in search of light and truth, so important to its future welfare, and the tenacity with which it holds on to favorite opinions, will all, as herein illustrated, serve to interest the reader, and cause no one, I trust, to regret that so much space has been devoted to this subject.

A few more extracts from Mr. Cushing's records will bring us to the close of his ministry.

On account of differences among several of the brethren, mostly growing out of the proceedings related in the narrative, as is inferred; for the records do not specify what they were, the church voted to call a council of churches. Col. Ward to entertain the council. Eight churches were sent to, as follows:

Church of	Cambridge,	whereof	Rev.	Mr. Appleton	was Pastor.
"	" Weston,	"	"	Williams	"
"	" Boston,	"	"	Sewell and Prince	"
"	" Bradford,	"	"	Balch	"
"	" Hingham,	"	"	Gay	"
"	" Westboro',	"	"	Eben'r Parkman	"
"	" Southboro',	"	"		"
"	" Sudbury,	"	"	Loring	"

"Six of the churches [the record does not name them] met on the 11th of October, 1749, and on the evening of the 13th gave a result and read it to the brethren. It was left with them, and, on the 30th of October, the church, by a vote, accepted it." Nothing further respecting the proceedings of this council can be gleaned from the record.

1750. "A committee of ministers was chosen by the church, viz: Dorr, of Mendon, Martyn, of Westboro', and Harrington, of Lancaster, to discourse with Dr. [Joshua] Smith, on the controversy subsisting between Isaac Stone and said Smith, and to discourse with all the dissatisfied in the church, in order to restore peace, and to examine the conduct of the church in said affair."

The case was this: "Isaac Stone [had] complained to the brethren, that one of them was defective in a fundamental article." It afterwards appeared that he meant Dr. Smith. Considerable correspondence had passed between them, some of which Mr. Stone read to the church in support of his complaint. None of it, though lodged with the pastor, appears on record. It may yet be in existence. Some portion of it was since the year 1800. The ground of controversy was doctrinal. It related to original sin. Mr. Stone contending for, and Dr. Smith against the doctrine. "The committee of ministers met on the 11th of October, 1750, and left with the pastor the advice they had prepared to be read to the church." What that was, does not appear. "It was accepted by the church."

"Sept. 17, 1759. The church, after hearing some writings read from Jasper Stone and his wife, and debate on them, voted, to request the Rev. Mr. Parkman and Martyn, both of Westboro', and Mr. Stone, of Southboro', to give their opinion, whether there should be any alteration in the church covenant of Shrewsbury, which was desired by the said Stone and wife. Col. Artemas Ward, and Dr. Samuel Crosby were chosen to notify these ministers, and report the views requested of them, and then I promised to lay before them the advice that might be given."

This is the last record made by Mr. Cushing relative to church proceedings. He died Aug. 6, 1760.

Extracts from the church records, kept after his decease, show the views of the church on the subject with which his record closes. It no where appears what "advice these ministers" gave, if any, in this case.

The church having chosen Artemas Ward, moderator in the church meetings, until they had a pastor settled over them, their records are in his hand writing to the time of the settlement of Dr. Sumner, in June, 1762.

"Oct. 12, 1760. The church voted, and kept Wednesday, 29th, current, a day of fasting and prayer, to implore Almighty God to give them a pastor after his own heart, and, in the mean time, to keep his church and congregation in this place from all discord." The Rev. Mr. Parkman and Martyn, of Westboro',

the Rev. Mr. Stone, of Southboro', and the Rev. Mr. Morse, of Shrewsbury, by invitation, carried on the services. After which, "their advice was asked relative to a candidate for settlement with them."

"Jan. 12, 1761. The church proceeded to the choice of a person to settle with them in the work of the ministry, notwithstanding the objection made in the writing aforesaid." At the opening of this meeting, "a writing, signed by about twenty, four of whom are members of this church, was presented, purporting that they never had above one person preaching with them on probation."

Then, "voted, the moderator should set down the names of Peter Thacher Smith and Joshua Paine, which persons had been preaching with us on probation; and that each member should tell the moderator, which of the two person's names he would have his name set under; which being done, on counting up the names of the brethren of the church, that voted, it appeared there were 18 for Mr. Joshua Paine; being the whole number that voted, out of 23 members present."

The parish having concurred, "a committee waited on Mr. Paine, with the call, and reported, that he was constrained to give them an answer in the negative."

April 13, 1761. The church voted alterations in their covenant, as mentioned at the close of page 120.

March 2, 1762. The church held a meeting to give a person a call, to settle in this place, in the work of the Gospel ministry. "After some discourse upon the head of church government, the following question was put, viz: whether this church was willing to settle any person as a minister, and give him power to negative the votes of the church, unless he would previously produce scripture sufficient to bottom so great a power as that upon? And it passed in the negative unanimously." * "Then the church made choice of Mr. Joseph Sumner, to settle in this place, as aforesaid." "Ezekiel Knowlton, Isaac Stone, and Eb-

* Thus was laid the foundation of that peace, which so eminently prevailed during the long period of Dr. Sumner's ministry.

enezer Keyes were chosen a committee to inform Mr. Sumner of the votes the church hath this day passed."

"March 16, 1762. The church met upon adjournment, and the committee chosen to inform Mr. Sumner of the votes of the church, reported, that as to the vote relative to the pastor's negativing the votes of the church, the committee informed the church that Mr. Sumner was not against being settled, taking the Cambridge Platform for a rule of church discipline; and, that he was willing, that those articles in said Platform, that admit of dispute, should be settled by him and the church where he should settle as pastor." This being satisfactory to the church, "Isaac Stone, Ezekiel Knowlton and Artemas Ward were chosen to present a call to Mr. Sumner, and pray his acceptance of the same." Having performed that service, "they reported, that said Sumner having taken said call into serious and deliberate consideration, and it appearing to be his duty to accept it, he gave his answer in the affirmative, on the 19th day of April, 1762."

"May 19, 1762. The church having met, by appointment, voted, an acceptance of the following articles; and all the church that were present, with the pastor elect, signed said articles, except Dea. Miles, John Brigham, and the moderator."

"Some articles of agreement concerning church discipline, agreed upon by and between the First Church of Christ in Shrewsbury, and Mr. Joseph Sumner, the elect pastor of said church, on the 19th day of May, 1762.

1st. The pastor is not to proceed to any act of discipline, without the voice of the church — nor to negative the vote or votes of the church — but is obliged to own and record all votes of the church, as votes of that particular body and church of Christ, to which he is obliged to consent as far as he can see the mind of Christ in them, and no farther. But if he sees not the mind of Christ in them, and so is bound in judgment and conscience to enter his dissent against them, with his reasons for the same, this he has a full right to do; by which the administration or execution of such sentence is suspended from immediate execution, for want of light; which they, viz: the pastor and brethren, are to seek, either among themselves or by the assistance of others, as the matter may require.

We, therefore, conclude, from the premises, that no church act can be consummated, or nullified, without the consent of both church and pastor.

2dly. The pastor is not to refuse a church meeting, when the major part of the church shall desire it.

3dly. The pastor is not to withhold the letters missive from the church, nor refuse to act in the affair therein contained, if the major part of the brethren desire him to act. And these articles, or any matter or clause in them contained, are not to be understood as to divest this church of, or to seclude any of that power or privilege given them in the sixth section of the tenth chapter of our church Platform; and we judge, that those words contained in the parenthesis, in said section, ought to be accounted as part of said section.

The foregoing articles of agreement are considered by us, whose names are hereunto subscribed, as a preventive of any misunderstanding that might hereafter arise on these points, in the regular exercise of church discipline, according to God's word.

JOSEPH SUMNER, *Pastor elect.*
WILLIAM TAYLOR,
SIMON MAYNARD,
DANIEL RAND,
EBENEZER KEYES,
ABRAHAM KNOWLTON,
SAMUEL BIGELOW,
ISAAC STONE,
DANIEL DRURY,
SAMUEL WHITNEY,
BENJAMIN MAYNARD,
JONAS STONE,
SAMUEL CROSBY,
GERSHOM WHEELOCK,
JASPER STONE,
JONATHAN WHEELOCK,
EZEKIEL KNOWLTON,
ASA BRIGHAM,
DANIEL HOWE."

"Voted, To have the ordination on Wednesday, the 23d day of June next.

Voted, To have the day observed as a fast, rather than a feast.

Voted, To have the ordaining council consist of seven pastors and their delegates.

The church made choice of the Rev. Aaron Putnam and David Ripley, of Pomfret, the Rev. Ebenezer Parkman and John Martyn, of Westboro', the Rev. David Hall, of Sutton, the Rev. Thaddeus Maccarty, of Worcester, and the Rev. Elisha Fisk, of Upton.

At a subsequent meeting, voted, to add two pastors more, with delegates, to the council. Then chose the Rev. Jacob Cushing, of Waltham, and the Rev. Aaron Hutchinson, of Grafton."

The ordination took place on the day appointed. The meeting house being old, and considered unsafe, as well as too small, to accommodate a large assemblage, the exercises were conducted in the open air, on a platform erected by the side of the meeting house. The record gives no account of the performances, or who took part in them. The present meeting house was erected in 1766. The alterations it has undergone within and without, and its change of location, need not be related here.

"Aug. 18, 1762. Joseph Sherman and Job Cushing, in a writing, by them signed and presented, desire the church to declare, by a vote, whether they and others, who have not signed the late church covenant, that has been signed by a number, are esteemed proper members of the church, and entitled to the privileges of the same." Whereupon the following preamble and vote was passed unanimously by the church.

"Whereas, it has been suggested, that the design of this church, in making the alteration in our covenant, was to exclude some of its members, viz: those that did not choose to sign said covenant; and some of those brethren that did not sign, apprehending, that the church did not look upon them as members — therefore

Voted, That we did look, and still look upon them as members, although they did not sign the covenant."

"Whereas, it has been reported, by some evil-minded person,

as though the First Church in Shrewsbury designed to injure and withdraw communion from the second church in said town, and their pastor, in passing by them at our late ordination;

We hereby declare said report to be groundless, and very injurious to said church and pastor, and also to this church — for we passed by said church only in the exercise of Christian liberty and privilege; for we are and were in charity with them."

"Dec. 1765. The church chose Jonathan Wheelock and Jedediah Tucker to set the psalm, in the public worship."

"Sept. 1770. The church of Christ, in this place, voted, to set apart Tuesday, the 11th instant, for a day of humiliation and prayer, on account of the throat distemper prevailing in this place. Out of eleven that have had it, nine have died."

"1771. After some conversation, the church passed the following vote, viz: That those may not be admitted to the privilege of baptism for their children, concerning whom it is evident, that they do not practise praying in their families. This vote was unanimous."

"1777. The church chose two more to assist in setting the psalm, viz: Thomas Knowlton and Nathan Eager."

"Oct. 1777. Voted the sum of sixty pounds, to furnish the communion table the ensuing year, to be proportioned upon the several members." *

"May 15, 1785. This being fast day, I desired the brethren to tarry after divine service; and I then informed them that there was a clause in the third article of our church covenant, that was excepted against by some, and offered as an objection against joining with this church; and that some others objected against relations being required at the time of admission. These things I desired the brethren to take into their serious consideration."

"May 19, 1783. Voted, To discontinue the practice of requiring relations of candidates for church membership at the time of admission."

"Voted, That the last clause in the third article, viz: "And yet we are of the judgment, that the whole of the well known

* Continental money had become almost worthless.

Westminster Catechism, as explained by Calvinistic divines, contains a just summary of Christian doctrine, as revealed in God's holy word," should be erased from the church covenant."

"The church voted to have the psalm read line by line at the communion table."

"1790. The church chose Mr. John Stow and Mr. Vashni Hemenway to assist in leading the singers in performing that part of divine service in the congregation."

Feb. 1791. After some conversation on the subject,

"Voted, To begin to sing Dr. Watts' version of the Psalms, with his Hymns, the first Sabbath in March next, provided there be no objections lodged with the pastor, from the congregation, before that time," and "some conversation had about the expediency of having a bass viol in the congregation."

"July 31, 1795. Being lecture-day, the church were desired to tarry, when this question was proposed to them by the pastor, viz: whether any clause could be added to the covenant, that might supersede the necessity of reading public confessions for crimes committed before the persons come into covenant with the church?" Conversation had, and a committee chosen, to consider the matter, and report.

At a subsequent meeting, "the committee reported, that the following words be prefixed to the covenant, viz: "Conscious of our offences, and asking forgiveness of God, of this church, and of all whom we have offended." "To give all an opportunity to attend unto the matter, they voted not to act upon the report at that time." At a meeting in October following,

"Voted, To accept said report, and that this should supersede the necessity of reading public confessions," &c., as above.

"Dec. 1796. Being lecture-day, the brethren were desired to tarry after divine service; when the pastor presented them two pieces of plate, as a donation from the Hon. Artemas Ward."

"Voted their acceptance of the same, and that the thanks of the church be presented," &c.*

* Peter Smith, who died in 1748, bequeathed "£50, old tenor," to the church in the South Parish; equivalent to $21 Federal currency. It was mostly expended in procuring a silver cup for the use of the church, with his name engraved upon it.

1793. "Capt. Thomas Knowlton, who had served for many years as chorister, desired some others might be chosen to lead in the singing."

"The church voted to proceed to choose some for that purpose, on the 21st of June, at a special lecture; and appointed a committee from their body, to confer with the singers upon the subject; and voted, that the congregation and the singers, in particular, be invited to attend, and join in the choice of some suitable persons to lead in singing."

At the time appointed, "Dr. Paul Dean, Messrs. Shepard Pratt, and Ebenezer Drury were severally chosen by the church and congregation." *

So harmonious was the church during Dr. Sumner's ministry, that his records contain but little to interest the general reader.

"At a church meeting, Jan. 11, 1820, voted, to adjourn to the 18th. Then to proceed to the choice of another pastor, if the church appear to be ready."

Dr. Sumner had, previous to this time, repeatedly suggested, in public, to the church and congregation, the expediency of choosing another pastor, on account of his advanced age, and from a belief that the services of a younger man would be more efficient in promoting their spiritual welfare.

"On the 18th, church made choice of Samuel B. Ingersoll, for a colleague pastor of this church, he having every vote."

"April 9, 1820. At a church meeting, voted,

Whereas, the church of Christ in Shrewsbury have been in the practice of admitting some to the privilege of baptism, that did not come to the other sacrament; but finding, that in some instances, a wrong use is made of such indulgence, it has of late years been going out of use, and we are willing it should be

At this late day, when our currency, as established by law, is reckoned in dollars and cents, it sounds *antiquated* to hear articles priced in *shillings* and *pence*, and conveys the idea that the articles may be as *stale as that currency*. The practice should be discontinued.

* This appears to be the first instance, wherein the congregation were invited to participate with the church in the choice of choristers. It was an act worthy of praise; inasmuch as it was a voluntary and virtual acknowledgment of the right of the congregation to have a voice in what so nearly concerned them.

wholly laid aside, but shall continue to keep our covenant engagements with those who have been admitted upon that covenant, and to consider them under the care and watch of this church." This was called the half-way covenant.

The parish having concurred in the choice of Mr. Ingersoll, as colleague pastor, he was ordained June 14, 1820. "The following churches were applied unto for assistance on the occasion, viz; the two churches in Beverly, the first and third church in Salem, the church in Marblehead, of which the Rev. Samuel Dana is pastor, the church in Framingham, the church in Yale College, and the first church in New Haven, the first and second church in Worcester, the church in Grafton, in Westboro', in Northboro', in Boylston and West Boylston." The record is silent as to the officiating clergymen. "The Rev. S. B. Ingersoll preached to this people, of which he had become colleague pastor, the next Sabbath after his ordination, but was never able to preach afterward. He remained here about four weeks, then went to Beverly, and there languished and died, of a painful disorder, Nov. 14, 1820.*

His funeral was the 16th. The travelling was such I could not attend, but we assembled the same day and the same hour. The Rev. Mr. Bancroft and the Rev. Mr. Cotton attended. Other neighboring ministers were sent to, but could not attend. Dr. B. and Mr. C. prayed. I preached from these words, 'Our friend Lazarus sleepeth.' John 11 : 11."

"Attest. JOS. SUMNER, *Surviving Pastor.*"

Thus far since the year 1786, when the North Parish was made a town, by the name of Boylston, the parochial business had been conducted in the name of the town. The parish was re-organized March 26, 1821, and the necessary parish officers chosen, since which it has transacted its concerns as a distinct body, and in its own name.

"At a church meeting, June 25, 1821, after some conversation, this question was proposed, 'Are you now ready to proceed to the choice of another pastor?' And it was answered unanimously in the affirmative."

* At the age of thirty-three years.

"They were then desired to bring in their votes for a pastor, when it appeared the Rev. Edwards Whipple was unanimously chosen colleague pastor of this church."

The parish concurred, and he was installed Sept. 20, 1821.

"The following churches were applied to, viz: the church in New Braintree, in North Brookfield, in the South Parish in Brookfield, in Leicester, first and second in Worcester, in Grafton, in Westboro', in Northboro', in Boylston and West Boylston." The record gives no account of the performances.

"Sept. 17, 1822. This day, after a short sickness of seven days, of a putrid fever, the Rev. Edwards Whipple departed this life, much lamented," at the age of 44 years. The Rev. John Nelson, of Leicester, preached his funeral sermon. Text, John xiii. 7 — "What I do, thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

In this sermon, which was printed by request, the talented preacher did justice to the memory of him who had long been his intimate friend and co-laborer in the vineyard of Christ.

"A church meeting being agreed upon the day preceding, they met on the 11th day of August, 1823 — when, after looking to God for direction — first,

Voted, That they were ready to proceed to the choice of a colleague pastor.

2dly. Made choice of Mr. George Allen for their pastor." The parish having concurred, "the following churches were applied to, viz: the church in Holden, in Leicester, in Rutland, the first and second in Worcester, in Grafton, in Westborough, in Northborough, in Boylston and in West Boylston." This is probably the last record made by Dr. Sumner. He died Dec. 9, 1824, in the 63d year of his ministry, and 85th of his age.*

Here ends the book from which all the preceding extracts relating to ecclesiastical affairs have been taken, and all of which,

* Mr. Ingersol preached but *one* Sabbath, and Mr. Whipple failed *one* of completing a year. Thus, while the united labors of Dr. Sumner's two first colleagues completed just *one year*, his, with Mr. Cushing's, completed almost a *century*. Mr. Cushing's ministry, 36 years, 8 months, Dr. Sumner's, 62 years 5½ months — 99 years, 1½ months.

with the exception of a few pages, in the interval between the decease of the Rev. Mr. Cushing and the ordination of Dr. Sumner, is in *their* hand writing.

Mr. Allen's ordination took place on the 19th November, 1823.

What further records have been kept has not come to my knowledge. And, as it is not *safe* to speak without book, nor always *prudent*, with it in hand, the ecclesiastical history of this parish is here brought to a close.

SUCCESSION OF DEACONS.

		When Chosen.	*Died.*	*Age.*
	John Keyes, Sen.	1723		
	Samuel Wheelock,	1723	1756	
(1)	Isaac Stone,	1735	1776	79
(2)	Cyprian Keyes,	1735	1802	96
(3)	Samuel Miles,	1743		
(3)	Ezekiel Knowlton,	1743	1774	67
(4)	Jonas Stone,	1765	1809	84
(4)	Benjamin Maynard,	1765	between 1784 and 1787	about 68
(5)	William Knowlton,	1784	1820	79
(5)	Benjamin Goddard,	1784	1834	93
(6)	John Bragg,	1789	1819	74
(7)	Gershom Wheelock,	1818	1841	80
(7)*	Thomas Harlow,	1818		
	Jonas M. Miles, } Samuel De Witt, }	Since 1829, and are the present officiating Deacons.		

(1) In the room of Deacon Wheelock, "distracted."
(2) In the room of Isaac Stone, who declined serving.
(3) In the room of Deacons John and Cyprian Keyes, set off with, and living in the North Parish.
(4) On account of the age and infirmities of their predecessors.
(5) In addition to those in office.
(6) His predecessors requested aid in their office.
(7) Their predecessors also requested aid.

*Living. All before him have gone to their long home. Having, in my history of the town, published in 1826, spoken of the deceased clergymen in terms of deserved commendation, it is unnecessary to repeat what is there said of them, and want of room compels me to omit additional notice of their merits in these pages. Although dead, they yet speak. They rest from their labors, but the fruits thereof remain, and entitle their memories to a long and respectful remembrance.

MISCELLANEOUS.

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

"Dec. 19, 1738. David Crosby, of Shrewsbury, says he had been sued, &c., by the Rev. Joseph Emerson, of Malden, for trespass, breaking into his close, house, &c., in Shrewsbury, and judgment rendered against him, prays for a new trial, that he may, as he can, show that it is not Emerson's land. Petition dismissed."

"1740. June 12. John Keyes and sundry other inhabitants of Shrewsbury showing that the church of Malden hath laid claim to nine hundred acres of land in Shrewsbury, part of a farm granted to said church by the Great and General Court — the plan of which describes no monuments at the southeast and southwest corners thereof; only points of compass and number of rods, as by the records of this court may more fully appear; that the said church refuse to settle the bounds with the proprietors, according to the plan; praying this court would give speedy order that said bounds may be stated according to the said plan, and monuments set up at those corners where there are none. Read. Question — Shall the petition be sustained? Passed in the negative. Ordered that the petition be dismissed."

"1740. June 20. A petition of David Crosby in behalf of the town of Shrewsbury, praying a petition of several of the inhabitants of said Shrewsbury, concerning the monuments between their lands and a farm belonging to the church of Malden may be revived — read and ordered that the petition be revived; that the petitioners serve the adverse party, the Rev. Mr. Joseph Emerson, of Malden, with a copy of this petition; that he show cause, if any he have, on Friday, the 27th inst., why the prayer should not be granted. Sent up for concurrence."

"June 27, 1740, concurred. Read again, together with Rev. Mr. Emerson's answer, and the matter being fully considered — Question, whether the petition be granted? Passed in the negative and the petition dismissed. Sent down for concurrence.

July 3, 1740. In the House, read, and the parties being in the House, were fully heard by counsel learned in the law, both for and against the prayer of the petition, when they withdrew.

The vote of council read again, and non-concurred. Ordered, That William Pynchon, Jr. and Ebenezer Pomroy, Esqrs., with such as may be joined by the Honorable Board, be a Committee to ascertain the southern bounds of said farm, agreeable to the plan thereof returned to the General Court, by Mr. Noyes, Surveyor, Anno 1665. Sent up for concurrence.

July 9, 1740. Came down, non-concurred. Ordered, That the petition and papers accompanying the same, be referred till the next sitting of this Court."

"1740. Dec. 5. Daniel Howe and five others, of Shrewsbury, pray the Court to set a valuation on a tract of upland and meadow, in said township, and that they may be admitted to purchase the same.

Read in both branches, and ordered, that the petitioners serve the towns of Worcester and Malden with copies of this petition.

Jan. 5, 1741. The aforesaid petition, and Rev. Mr. Emerson's answer, read and considered. Petition dismissed."

A portion of this farm was within the limits of the grant of the town of Worcester, in that part now Holden.

Indians. — They once resided among our fathers, and around them on all our then colony border.

The horrid barbarities they committed upon defenceless women and children, constitute a portion of the history of many towns in this Commonwealth. Treacherous by nature, implacable in their resentments, they were cruel in their treatment of captive foes.

As new settlements sprung up, the older ones were less exposed to their incursions. But the former experienced in *their* turn the same unsparing ferocity. Prowling bands of savages were on *their* confines, and in their midnight assaults made the

hills and the valleys to echo with their terrific yells; and, unheeding the cries of innocent, helpless children, and the shrieks of frantic mothers, wielded the tomahawk and scalping knife in the work of destruction, lighting up the heavens with the blaze of their dwellings, and that often in the severity of winter, and carrying into captivity such as their glutted vengeance had spared in the onset, for future suffering and torture.

It is natural that sympathy for them, once the lords of the land, should increase as the danger from their proximity to us decreases — but those who are in safety will remember there are those who are not; and what may seem to them as harsh treatment towards the Indians, although less so than they received from our fathers, has never been more so than self-preservation required.

The race, humbled to be sure, is now what it was at the beginning, so far as it regards their nature and disposition. Once an Indian always an Indian. He cannot be civilized. The attempt has been repeatedly made and as often failed. He is sure to die in the operation. The white man can (the cases are numerous where he has) become an Indian, not only in habit and conduct, but even in nature. On the other hand, civilization is death to the Indian. If he could be civilized, he would, when it were done, be an Indian no longer, and when he ceases to be an Indian, he ceases to live.

As late as June, 1755, the Legislature of Massachusetts "granted a bounty of three dollars to be given to each soldier that may enlist and find his own gun; and, that the following bounty, over and above the encouragement aforesaid, be allowed and paid out of the public treasury, for every male Indian scalp, above the age of twelve years, brought in as evidence of their being killed, forty pounds; and for every male or female, under twelve years of age, brought in as evidence of their being killed, twenty pounds!"

And in 1756, "Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the public treasury to any, who shall be disposed to go in quest of the Indian enemy, and not in the pay of the government, and before they go, signify their intentions in writing to the

chief military officers of that part of the province, with their names, the following, viz: for every Indian enemy they shall kill, and produce the scalp to the governor and council, in evidence, the sum of three hundred pounds!"

In the earlier settlement of the country, an order was passed, forbidding any one to fire off a gun, unless it was at a wild beast or an Indian!

1756. "A petition of Nathan Howe, of Shrewsbury, Ensign, also of William Howe and Ephraim Smith, of said town, on account of his son, Aaron, soldiers in the late Crown Point expedition, who returned from the army sick, praying an allowance of their accounts exhibited; also Sarah Smith, Executrix of Joshua Smith, physician, who administered to sundry sick soldiers on their return home. Granted to Nathan Howe, £5, 16s. 9½d.; William Howe, £6, 0s. 6d.; Ephraim Smith, £3, 4s. 4d.; Sarah Smith, Executrix, £1, 14s. 8d."

Same year, "Zebediah Johnson, of Shrewsbury, represents, that he had a gun impressed for the use of a soldier, valued at 30 shillings, of which he had received two dollars; that the soldier had run away, and he was like to lose the balance, and prays relief. Granted to him twenty shillings, in full, for his gun."

1758. "Asa Hill, of Shrewsbury, represents, that some time ago he had the misfortune to lose his house and most of his furniture by fire, twice in the space of two years, thereby is reduced to great difficulties; and the last year, being in the service at the westward, he had all his clothes stolen from him, except what he had on — so lost nearly all his substance, and has no way to maintain himself and large family; therefore prays for a grant of some land in the Green Woods, so called." Neither his name nor any of his family, known to be such, appears on the town records.

1765. The House of Representatives "grant Watchuset Hill, in Princeton, to Robert Keyes and Eliphalet Howe, in equal halves, the easterly half to Keyes, and the westerly half to Howe, they to return a plan thereof to the Court, within one year, for acceptance, and to pay their respective proportions

of a tax of two pence per acre, for three years, laid by the General Court in January, 1762, upon the unimproved lands in the District of Princeton. Sent up for concurrence."

"In Council, unanimously *non*-concurred."

A Resolve passed the House of Representatives, in 1762, stating that "there are sundry tracts of land belonging to the Province, lying in the County of Worcester, viz: about 1430 acres, lying partly in Princeton, commonly called the Potash Farm; also about 500 acres, lying in Princeton, commonly called Great Watchuset Hill; also about 80 acres, lying west of said Potash Farm, — therefore, voted, that John Murray and Timothy Paine, Esquires, with such as the Honorable Board may join, be a Committee, in the name and behalf of this Province, to make sale of said lands, and execute a good deed or deeds thereof to such person or persons as shall give most for the same; the sale to be in the town of Boston, at the next session of the General Court, after due publication made, by inserting the same in the Boston newspapers. The Potash Farm to be set up at £500, the purchaser to pay £10 earnest; Watchuset at £50, the purchaser to pay £5 earnest; the 80 acres at £10, the purchaser to pay £3 earnest. The purchaser of any of said lands shall have one year to pay the same into the treasury, upon good security, without interest."

We may suppose there was no sale of "Watchuset Hill," as contemplated, inasmuch as three years afterwards, the House, on their part, granted that lofty eminence to Robert Keyes and Eliphalet Howe, in equal halves, for a trifling consideration.

I have noticed this, because of the little value at which the "Hill" was estimated, and more especially because Robert Keyes, above named, with his wife, Martha Bouker, and a large family of children, removed from this town in 1751, and settled "at Watchuset, but not in any township." He resided on the east side of that hill, and was the first, or one of the first settlers in Princeton.

Soon after he settled there, a young daughter of his lost her way in the woods, and notwithstanding unwearied search was

made for several days and nights by a great number of persons from the surrounding towns, no trace of her could be found.

This affliction laid heavily upon the parents to the close of life. Years after this bereavement, and more than once, their aching hearts were nearly broken by rumors, probably unfounded, that their daughter had been seen in Canada with the Indians.

It was the practice in many towns, and in some to a recent period, "to seat the meeting house." This was usually done once a year by a Committee chosen for that purpose.

Individuals were not pew or seat owners; the house belonged to the town; the Committee adopted rules for their government, and in performance of their duty, directed in what seats or pews certain persons should sit when attending public worship, and, in some instances, affixed penalties if any sat in other seats than those allotted to them. It does not appear of record that that practice ever existed here. Children did not generally sit with their parents in church, but on low side seats in the isles as near them as convenience would admit.

Some staid and vigilant person was also chosen to have inspection of the audience during the public exercises. His frequent rounds kept the little urchins in order; the badge of his office was a pole with a knob on the one end, and a tuft of feathers at the other; with the one he rapped the men's heads, and with the other he brushed the ladies' faces, when he caught them napping.

It is said an officer of this kind was once rebuked for rapping the head of a nodding man, whose face he did not see, under a belief, that he was drowsing, when, in fact, he was only *nodding assent* to the preacher's doctrine!

All towns were by law required to be provided with *stocks* and a *whipping-post*. These were so lately appendages of a meeting-house, as to be within the recollection of many now living.

The stocks were a wooden frame of small timber, that could be opened and shut, wherein persons, disorderly in Sabbath or town meetings, were wont to be confined during meeting, as a punishment for misbehavior.

Tradition says, the person who made the stocks for this town, was the *first* one required to occupy them, and received payment

for them in the remittance of a fine, that accrued to the town for his offence.

From the same source is the following: A person addicted to profane swearing, an offence more frequently followed by punishment formerly, than at the present day, was guilty of that offence in the presence of a magistrate, who caused the offender to be arrested and brought before him without delay, and sentenced him to pay a fine for that offence; which he as promptly paid down; at the same time asking the magistrate, "to whom is the fine to go?" The reply was "one-half to the complainant and the other half to the poor of the town;" whereupon he exclaimed, uttering another oath, "Then you will get the whole of it!" For this second offence, he was sentenced to pay another fine. Finding it a money loosing business, he paid it in silence, and departed, muttering, no doubt, inaudible oaths not cognizable by civil authority.

By an ancient colonial law, a penalty of forty shillings, attached to every town, by way of fine, that was two months at one time not provided with a *drum*. Drums were employed before bells came into use for the purpose of drumming people out to meeting on the Sabbath, no less than to alarm and rally them at all times on the appearance of the savage foe. Careful management on the part of him, who beat it, was necessary on the Sabbath, that the people might not mistake the *drum ecclesiastic* for the *drum military*.

Tobacco was early cultivated by our ancestors, and considered by them essential to their health and comfort.

Many can yet remember, when every farmer had his tobacco yard, as well as his cornfield; the former received quite as much of his attention as the latter. It was to him physic in sickness, and food and comfort at all times. Tobacco, no less than other, rations, were drawn by soldiers in the public service.

Nevertheless, it seems the use of it was early abused; for in 1640, it was enacted, "that if any persons take tobacco, whilst they are empannelled upon a jury, to forfeit five shillings for every default, except they have given their verdict, or are not to give it until the next day." And, in 1646, that, "whereas there is

great abuse in taking of tobacco, in very uncivil manner, in the streets, if any person or persons shall be found or seen hereafter taking tobacco publicly in the open streets of any town, unless it be soldiers in time of their training, every such person or persons so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the town's use, for the first default, twelve pence; for the second, two shillings; and for every such default afterwards, two shillings. And it shall be lawful for the constable of every township, without further warrant, upon sight or information thereof, to distrain his or their goods for it, as do refuse to pay it upon *his* demand."

This law, like all others of a sumptuary kind, it would seem, was but little regarded; for in 1669, it was "enacted by the Court, that any person or persons who shall be found smoking tobacco, on the Lord's day, going to or coming from the meetings, within two miles of the meeting-house, shall pay twelve pence for such default, to the colony's use." "Soldiers, while in arms, are dispensed with to smoke in the field."

That our forefathers were great chewers and smokers of tobacco is beyond dispute. I do not find any act prohibiting smoking *in meeting* on the Sabbath. That they did smoke in time of meeting has been stated publicly in print. That the loud snapping of their tobacco boxes, after loading their pipes, and the clinking of the flint and steel was soon followed by curling wreaths of the delicious comforter, which, rising from different quarters, soon pervaded the house. All enjoyed the perfume, although all did not join in making it.

So far as regarded damage to the meeting-house, in case of fire, caused by smoking in it, the following enactment would reach them. The danger, however, was small, and the number of smokers large, the amount of damage in such a case would, therefore, be individually but a trifle. It is this — "If damage did accrue unto any by careless smoking of tobacco in places of danger, it should be repaired by him who was the occasion of it, or he shall be made to serve it out."

INTOLERANCE.

Religious intolerance is said to have induced our ancestors to leave the old world for the new, that they might here worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience.

That they were hard pressed and cruelly persecuted for opinion sake, and for boldly asserting the truth of their favorite doctrine, is matter of history. They were in a minority, and a small minority too, when there; on arriving here, the case was reversed; they became the majority, in fact, no less than all in all, inasmuch as, for a time, there was no minority. When more emigrants arrived, a minority sprung up. It claimed the same privileges for itself, as the majority had contended for at home. The boon was denied, and as the now majority did then, so now the minority insisted upon having their rights. For this the majority persecuted them as they themselves had been persecuted for the like cause.

There they suffered death by fire and faggots; *here* they inflicted death by public executions on the gallows; banishing some, and imprisoning, whipping, and selling others out of the country.

It is worthy of note, that, before persecution and bloodshed here had extended far and wide, the persecutors were stopped in their career by a royal mandate from home, that *merciless* country they had just left, because they suffered persecution there.

They had their virtues as well as their faults. They were men, and have left to posterity a striking illustration of what is in man; of his nature, and of his disposition to lord it over his fellow man, in matters purely spiritual and religious, to say nothing in regard to other things.

Hence large majorities of any one sect or denomination in religion endanger the public peace. There is more danger when there is but one denomination, than when there are many, so long as each keeps within its own sphere and intermeddles not with others. Should any one of them depart from duty in this respect, and become restive and overbearing, the others will combine against it, and thus secure their own safety.

Our free schools and civil institutions are a sure guarantee for the preservation of that religious freedom we so highly value, and which no other nation enjoys.

Some extracts from the colony laws are here introduced, in confirmation of the truth of the foregoing remarks in relation to persecutions by our forefathers.

1657. "In reference to the coming or bringing into this jurisdiction, any of that *cursed* sect of the Quakers, it is ordered, that whoever shall, from henceforth, bring or cause to be brought, directly or indirectly, any known Quaker or Quakers, or other blasphemous heretics into this jurisdiction, every such person shall forfeit one hundred pounds; and he that shall entertain a Quaker, knowing him so to be, shall forfeit forty shillings for every hour's entertainment"!

And if any Quaker shall presume, after he has suffered what the law requireth, [whipping and banishment,] to come into this jurisdiction, every such male Quaker shall, for the first offence, have one of his ears cut off, and for the second, shall have the other ear cut off; and for every Quaker, he or she, [the females in the preceding cases saved their ears but were severely whipt,] that shall a third time herein offend, shall have their tongues bored through with a hot iron, and every Quaker arising from amongst ourselves, shall suffer the same punishment."

1658. "That Quakers and such accursed heretics may be dealt withall according to their deserts, and that their pestilent errors and practices may speedily be prevented, it is ordered, in addition to the former law against Quakers, every such person professing any of their pernicious ways, by speaking or writing, [perhaps *thee* and *thou*,] or by meeting on the Lord's days, or at any other time, to strengthen themselves or to seduce others to their diabolical doctrine, shall incur the penalty ensuing; every person so meeting shall pay for every time, ten shillings, and every one speaking in such meeting shall pay five pounds apiece, and, if they had previously been scourged or whipt, to be kept at work in the house of correction," &c.

"No Quaker, Ranter, or any such corrupt person, shall be admitted a freeman of this corporation."

"Ordered, That the Quakers in prison at Ipswich be forthwith sent for. Having been brought in, the Court, after much endeavor to convince and reform them, ordered, that Samuel Shattuck, Lawrence Southwick, Cassandra, his wife, Nicholas Phelps, Joshua Buffam, and Josiah Southwick be enjoined, at their peril, to depart out of this jurisdiction, before the first day of the Court election next, under the pain of *death*" !

"Whereas Daniel and Provided Southwick, son and daughter of Lawrence Southwick, have been fined by the County Courts at Salem and Ipswich, and pretending that they have no estates; in answering the question, what course should be taken for the satisfaction of the fines? the Court resolve, that as many such cases were likely to arise, the treasurers of the several counties are hereby empowered *to sell* said persons to any of the English nation at Virginia and Barbadoes"!

"Whereas there is a pernicious sect called Quakers, lately arisen, who, by word and writing, have published and maintained many dangerous and horrid tenets, and do take upon them to alter the received laudable customs of our nation, in giving civil respect to equals or reverence to superiors, [in not taking off their hats, &c.,] this Court doth order, that every person of the cursed sect of the Quakers, not an inhabitant of, but found within this jurisdiction, shall, by constable or selectman, be apprehended and imprisoned without bail, &c., and that every inhabitant of this jurisdiction, being convicted of being of the aforesaid sect, denying civil respect and reverence to equals and superiors, withdrawing from church assemblies, and frequenting private meetings of their own, in opposition to church order, and to the orthodox received opinions of the godly, &c., shall suffer imprisonmens one month, and then to depart this jurisdiction, or give bond for appearance at the next Court; when, if refusing to retract and reform, he shall be sentenced to banishment on pain of *death*."

1759. "William Robinson, Marmaduke Stevenson and Mary Dyer, banished by the last Court, on pain of death, being committed by order of the General Court, were brought to the bar, and acknowledged themselves to be the persons banished. After

a full hearing of what the prisoners could say for themselves, it was put to the question, whether William Robinson, Marmaduke Stevenson and Mary Dyer, who have been convicted for Quakers, and banished on pain of death, should be put to death, as the law provided in that case?

The Court resolve in the *affirmative*. And the governor, in open Court, declared the sentence, viz: William Robinson, you shall go from hence to the place from whence you came, and from thence to the place of execution, and there hang till you be dead. And the like sentence upon the others, one after the other, in the same words."

Mary Dyer was respited upon the petition of her son, William, and leave given her to depart after forty-eight hours; but, if found in this jurisdiction again, to be executed forthwith. Connected with her respite, was an order, that "she shall be carried to the place of execution, and there stand on the gallows, with a rope about her neck, till the rest be executed."

"The Marshall General, with the aid of Capt. James Oliver and one hundred soldiers taken by his order proportionably out of each company in Boston, completely armed with pike and musketeers, with powder and ball, was directed to execute the sentence passed upon the prisoners;" and Robinson and Stevenson were hanged accordingly.

1661. "Peter Peirson and Judah Brown, Quakers, being indicted, stood mute." The Court ordered, "that they shall by the Constable of Boston be forthwith taken out of prison, and stripped from the girdle upwards, by the executioner, and tied to the cart's tail, and whipped through the town with twenty stripes; and then carried to Roxbury and delivered to the constable there, who is also to tie them to the cart's tail and again whip them through the town with ten stripes; and then carried to Dedham, and delivered to the constable there, who is again in like manner to cause them to be tied to the cart's tail and whipt with ten stripes through that town; and from thence they are immediately to depart this jurisdiction at their peril."—*Hazard's Historical Collections.*

Much more of a like nature could be added, if more were needed. The majority, considering themselves the only *true* worshippers, caused the Baptists also to feel the weight of their indignation, as manifest opposers of the *true* worship of God." Other denominations were then unknown here, or did not choose to make themselves known under existing circumstances.

1668. "It is enacted, by the Court, that all the King's highways within this government shall be forty foot, at the least, in breadth."

The old post road from Boston through this town towards Springfield was the King's highway, and was laid out without bounds or points of compass, while the greater part of the territory, now the County of Worcester, belonged to the County of Middlesex. The records concerning it, are in the latter county. The former was incorporated in 1731.

1675. "Whoever shall shoot off any gun, on any unnecessary occasion, or at any game whatsoever, except at an *Indian* or a wolf, shall forfeit five shillings for every such shot, till further liberty shall be given."

"The public officers' wages shall be paid in corn; and that Indian corn, for defraying public charge, and paying all public officers, be at two shillings and sixpence per bushel."

"Whosoever of the freemen do not appear at election in person or by proxy, shall be, for such neglect, amerced to the treasury, ten shillings." For several years, the elections were held in Boston.

Hartford, Windsor and Weathersfield were the first places settled in Connecticut. The first was, at the beginning, called Newtown, the second, Dorchester, and the third, Watertown, from the towns in Massachusetts whence the first settlers principally emigrated. Their early laws and orders were of the Massachusetts stamp.

Passing over those, for the breach of which the penalty was death, I select a few of another class, which the reader will find to be curious, and, in almanac language, "useful and entertaining;" useful, so far as a knowledge of the past will better enable him to appreciate the times in which he lives.

"No one shall hold any office, who is not sound in the faith; and whoever gives a vote to such a person shall pay a fine of one pound."

"No one shall run on the Sabbath-day, or walk in his garden, or elsewhere, except reverently to and from meeting."

"No one shall travel, cook victuals, make beds, sweep house, cut hair, or shave, on the Sabbath-day."

"The Sabbath shall begin at sunset on Saturday."

"No woman shall kiss her child, wife her husband, or husband his wife, on the Sabbath or fasting day."

"No minister shall keep a school."

"A debtor in prison, swearing he has no estate, shall be let out and *sold* to make satisfaction."

"No one shall read common prayer, keep Christmas or saints' days, make mince pies, dance, play cards, or play on any instrument of music, except the drum, trumpet and jewsharp."

"No gospel minister shall join people in marriage. The magistrates only shall join in marriage, as they may do it with less scandal to Christ's church." [Prohibition taken off 1694.]

"A wife shall be deemed good evidence against her husband."

"Married persons must live together or be imprisoned."

"Every male shall have his hair cut round according to a cap." *

"All capital causes, concerning life or banishment, if there is no express law, shall be judged, according to the word and law of God, by the General Court."

Such were some of the blue laws of Connecticut. They are taken from Peters' and also Barber's compilation of them, and re-published at Hartford in 1838.

Another was this, but not vouched for by any known authority —"Beer is forbidden to be made on Saturday, because it will *work* on Sunday."

* "A cap to go round the head was used, drawn close to the head, and the hair then cut by the cap. A pumpkin, severed in the middle, and placed on the head, was used as a substitute for the cap, in the season of them."

As an offset to these, that compilation, consisting of more than 300 pages, contains some of the "blue laws" of the other colonies.

The following are from the Virginia code.

1662. "Every person who refuses to have his child baptized by a lawful minister, shall be amerced 2000 lbs. of tobacco, half to the parish, and half to the informer. Tobacco was the currency of Virginia, and corn of Massachusetts.

"He that brings home a hog or hogs without their ears, shall be adjudged a hog-stealer."

"In actions of slander, occasioned by a man's wife, after judgment for past damages, then the woman to have a *ducking;* if they are above 500 lbs. of tobacco, then the woman to have a *ducking for every* 500 *lbs.*, if the husband refuse to pay."

"It has been reported as true, that in the early settlement of Virginia, squirrels were so numerous, they injured and often destroyed the fields of corn, and the outside rows were often entirely destroyed; to prevent which the General Court soberly set themselves to work to remedy the evil, and ordered, that thereafter no planter should have or plant any *outside row* in his cornfield!"

"There was an ancient law of Massachusetts, directing that ladies' dresses should be made so long as to hide their shoe-buckles, prohibiting short sleeves — and, in 1653, I. Fairbanks was tried for wearing *great* boots, and acquitted."

Previous to the Revolution, it was customary to give rings and gloves at funerals, to the clergyman, pall holders and bearers.

In the interior, however, rings were rarely given. The number of pairs of gloves bestowed on such occasions depended in some degree upon the circumstances of the deceased and his family. They were of leather, and white, in the earlier period; afterwards of a dark purple color.

The Probate offices in the older counties of the Commonwealth contain abundant evidence of the customs and practices on such occasions.

The funeral expenses of Samuel Blanchard, of Andover, who died in 1707, were in part as follows:

6 galls. wine,	£0	15s.	0d.
20 prs. gloves,	1	10	0
Rum, sugar and allspice,	0	9	3
Half bbl. cider,	0	5	0

Robert Ward, a cooper by trade, died in Charlestown, 1736.

The inventory of his personal estate was	£71	17s.	3d.
Real estate, "	170	0	0
Funeral expenses, in part, 17 prs. of gloves,	£5	10s.	6d.
Wine,	0	18	0
1 pint stomach water,	0	1	8
Paid the porters,	1	10	0
Use of the pall,	0	10	0
Tolling the bell,	0	3	0
Mourning scarfs for 3 heirs,	30	0	0

Funeral expenses of Rev. Thomas Cobbett, some time minister of Lynn, afterwards of Ipswich, who died in 1685.

1 barrel wine,	£6	8s.	0d.
2 do. cider,	0	11	0
82 lbs. sugar,	2	1	0
½ cord wood,	0	4	0
4 doz. prs. gloves for men and women,	5	4	0

And some spice and ginger for the cider.

Until the time of the Revolution, burial service was regulated by law, so far, that it could not be performed on the Sabbath, without a permit from a magistrate, and then only after sunset.

Copy of a permit granted in Boston, 1771.

"Whereas it has been represented to me, by the relatives of William Lowder, who died on Thursday last, that he cannot be conveniently kept at this season, and have desired leave that he may be buried this evening, liberty is hereby granted for his being buried, notwithstanding it is Lord's day, they conforming to the law, in that case, as to the time; and to take care, that the corpse be not carried to the grave, until one hour after sunset.

Given under my hand, this 22d day of September, 1771.

BELCHER NOYES, *Justice Peace.*"

Neighbors returned from the grave with the mourners, and were provided with a supper.

Such was the practice until the time of the Revolution, when, all the resources of the country being required for its defence, it was voted, in public assemblies, "to encourage economy and frugality, and, on the death of near relatives, to wear no other mourning dress than a black ribbon or crape on the arm or hat for men, and a black ribbon around the neck for women."

This was carried into practice, whereby unnecessary expenses were diminished, and the poorer classes relieved from spending their all to avoid the appearance of not mourning the loss of their friends. The heart, and that alone, knows its own sorrows. Grief is invisible, and when its possessor seeks to soothe it by extravagance in external things, it is no longer grief, but pride.

As if *mourning* were not enough, we not unfrequently hear of *half* and *full* mourning. How this, on first hearing it, strikes the mind, may be judged by the question of a child, whose mother, having lost an aunt, remarked to some friends, that she should put on *half* mourning; whereupon the child, in the simplicity of her heart, asked her mother if only *half* of her were her aunt?

Although admonished to bring these details to a close, I cannot refrain from copying the following "beautiful picture of the enduring affections of a mother," by the Rev. Thomas Cobbett, in a discourse on the duties of children, which, with his funeral expenses, before mentioned, is taken from the *History of Lynn, by Alonzo Lewis.*

"Despise not thy mother when she is old. When she was young, yea, when she was middle-aged, thou prizedst and respectedst and didst reverence and obey her; do it as well when she is old; hold on doing of it to the last.

Age may wear and waste a mother's beauty, strength, parts, limbs, senses and estate; but her relation of a mother is, as the sun when he goeth forth in his might, for the ever of this life, that is always in its meridian and knoweth no evening. The person may be grey-headed, but her motherly relation is ever in its flourish; it may be autumn, yea, winter, with the woman, but with the mother, as a mother, it is always spring."

The following is a list of Revolutionary Pensioners belonging to the town, including those who went into the service from it, but afterwards settled in other places, and drew their pensions there. Furnished by Nathan Howe, Esq.

Calvin Sawyer,
Peter Cary,
George Filmore,
Ithamar Newton,
Marshall Newton,
Jonathan Harrington,
Ebenezer Mann,
Ashur Smith,
Benjamin Pratt,
Nathan Pratt,
Jonah Howe,
Nathan Howe,
John Peirks,
Jasper Rand,
Lewis Smith,
Elijah Southgate,
Jonas Hastings,
Ephraim Holland,
Jonah Holland,
Asa Wheelock,
John Bragg,
Daniel Holden,
Humphrey Bigelow,
Thomas Harrington,
Daniel Harrington,
Samuel Smith,
Lewis Smith, 2d,
Nathaniel Hapgood,
Joseph S. Temple,
Benjamin Maynard,
Jonas Stone,
Austin Flint,
Solomon Howe,
Gardner Howe,
Stephen Smith,
Stephen Pratt,
Calvin Newton,
Daniel Williams,
William Dexter,
Jos. B. Jennison.

NORTH PARISH.

What here follows, relating to the North Parish, was omitted to be inserted at the close of the Ecclesiastical History of the First Parish, where it properly belongs.

Some extracts in relation to it, from a historical sketch of the town of Boylston, by Matthew Davenport, Esquire, published in 1831, will precede what I have to say of it — viz:

"The church was gathered the 6th day of December, 1743." "On the 26th day of the same month, Rev. Ebenezer Morse was ordained the first pastor."

"The same year, they purchased the burying ground of Eleazer Taylor, and built a meeting-house."

"The connection betwixt the Rev. Mr. Morse and his people appears to have been harmonious, and the parish at peace among themselves, till about the year 1770." "Soon after this, it was discovered by the parish, that their minister was a Loyalist. From this time till his dismission the connection between them was any thing but harmonious. Mr. Morse, with a little policy, might probably not have been particularly obnoxious on this account; but his independent and unyielding spirit disdained any prevarication or concealment. And in his public addresses to the throne of mercy, he would pray for the "king, queen, and royal family, the lords spiritual and temporal," with more fervor than his *rebellious* parishioners could bear.

In the beginning of the year 1771, things appear to have been approaching a crisis, and in June, a meeting was called, "to take into consideration the difficulties subsisting betwixt Rev. Ebenezer Morse and the church and people of this place; and more especially what the church had drawn up as reasons for their dismissing Mr. Morse, which are as follows, viz:

Rev. Mr. Morse appearing so unfriendly to the common cause of liberty, which America so much contends for at the present, gave occasion for the town of Shrewsbury to call him to an account by a Committee of Inquiry; and the said Mr. Morse, when upon examination before said Committee and before the town, after the said Committee gave in their report, did so conduct and word himself, that the town, as well as the Committee, did view him as unfriendly to the common cause, and in consequence thereof did vote, that the said Morse be disarmed and laid under other disadvantages, in consequence of which, together with *other difficulties* subsisting, we cannot see how we can, in conscience, be contented with him as our pastor, and are of opinion, that we shall expose ourselves to the displeasure of the Congresses, and all others that are friends and well wishers to the rights and liberties of America, if we should suffer him to continue any longer as our pastor."

The vote was then put whether Rev. Ebenezer Morse's pastoral office should be dissolved, and passed in the affirmative, by a division of thirty-seven yeas to twelve nays. A Committee was then chosen, consisting of Daniel Whitney, Nathaniel Davenport, Jonas Temple, Frederic Albert, and Silas Howe, "to inform Mr. Morse that he is dismissed, and that it is expected he do not attempt to enter the desk any more, as a minister in this place, and that the Committee see that he *do not*," which latter part of their duty, it is said, they literally performed.

The 25th day of September following, a precinct meeting was called, upon the petition of Dea. Cyprian Keyes and others, "to see if the parish will join with the church, in inviting some sister churches to assist in a day of fasting and prayer, &c.: and agreed to send letters missive to Holden, Shrewsbury and Worcester churches. These churches failed to attend, as stated in the records, and another day was appointed; and voted to send to the churches in Shrewsbury, second in Mendon, second in Medway, second in Wrentham and in Holden. These churches met by their pastors and delegates, and advised to make an addition to the council, by sending to the church in Dedham, and to the church in Abington, which was agreed to, and adjourned to November 8th.

The council met at that time, and "after prayer by Rev. Samuel Niles, and vote put, after proceedings read, whether the precinct would rescind the vote passed on the 15th day of June last, dismissing Mr. Morse, and passed in the affirmative. Question then put, to dismiss Mr. Morse, agreeably to the advice of the council, and passed in the affirmative." Thus ended this unpleasant altercation betwixt Mr. Morse and the precinct.

Jan. 22, 1776. A meeting was called to see if the precinct would concur in the choice the church had made of Mr. Jesse Read to settle with them in the pastoral office, and passed in the affirmative, and voted him £66, 13s. 4d. annual salary, and £133, 6s. 8d. settlement." To the above votes was a written protest, for reasons assigned.

"We, the subscribers, inhabitants of Shrewsbury, do protest against the proceedings of this day, for the following reasons, viz:

The proceedings are founded upon the result of an ex parte council, against which Mr. Morse has taken sufficient exceptions, and supported them undeniably in the public prints.

2d. Because it is extravagant to vote large sums of money to candidates while they know not that [whether] they are discharged from paying Mr. Morse's salary, especially considering the amazing expenses of the public at the present time.

3d. Because said money is to be paid in part by those, who cannot consistently with gospel rule, hear said candidate.

Signed, John Crawford, Benjamin Fiske, Joseph Biglo, Charles Biglo, Jotham Bush, Solomon Houghton, and William Crawford. These, it will be recollected, were all political friends of Mr. Morse, except Joseph and Charles Biglo.

It is remarkable, that there is no further account of Mr. Read on record. On the 18th November, 1776, the precinct voted to invite Mr. Eleazer Fairbank to settle with them in the ministry, and voted him the same salary and settlement which they had voted to Mr. Read. Mr. Fairbank was ordained 26th March, 1777, and dismissed, at his own request, April 23, 1793.

March 12, 1794, Hezekiah Hooper, of Bridgewater, was ordained over the church and society in this place, and died in December, 1795.*

Ward Cotton of Plymouth, Grad. H. U., 1793, succeeded Mr. Read, and was ordained June 7, 1797, and at his request dismissed in 1825." Thus much from Mr. Davenport's sketch, with the exception of the subjoined note.

To the foregoing, I add some things of an early date, relating to the founding of that church, and some of its subsequent transactions touched upon in the foregoing account, and in which there are some errors as to dates. These I shall point out, as it is important they should be given correctly. "Mistakes will happen in the best of families," and the press, especially in the use of figures, but adds to the number.

*Grad. H. U., 1789, son of Hezekiah Hooper, who married Elizabeth Leonard, 1758, who was son of John Hooper, who married Elizabeth Packard, 1722, who was son of John Hooper, who married Sarah Harden, and settled, then having a family, in Bridgewater, before 1703.

The north part of the town was made a parish 17th December, 1742, and called the North Precinct, until March 1, 1786, when it became a town, by the name of Boylston. Neither the parish nor the town obtained incorporating acts, until after long and repeated trials, especially the town. To 1786, as a component part of Shrewsbury, its history belongs to the latter town. It was *one* in territory. Its inhabitants assembled in *one* place for the transaction of business. Their intermarriages were frequent, and the *church* in the *North* was gathered out of that in the *South* Parish. They were of us, and, although gone from us, there remain ties of a local, social, and ecclesiastical nature, common to both, and cherished by each. *Here*, in common with the rest, are recorded, but less perfectly than they should have been, the marriages, births and deaths, to 1786, that occurred in that part of the town. They will appear in the geneological table, &c.

I shall speak only of its ecclesiastical history, and that mostly in extracts from the records of Rev. Mr. Cushing and Rev. Dr. Sumner.

"The Second Church in Shrewsbury (says Mr. Cushing in his records) was gathered *October* 6, 1743. The two deacons chosen to accompany me when this church was embodied." Mr. Davenport has it *December* 6, 1743.

"Copy of a letter directed to me, (Cushing,) to be communicated to the church in Shrewsbury."

"To the church in Shrewsbury.

A number of the members of the same, and dwelling in the North Precinct, in said town, wisheth grace, mercy and peace.

Reverend, Honored and Beloved,

Whereas we, the subscribers, together with others of said precinct, and covenanting with us, are, as we trust, in God's providence, called to incorporate into a particular church unity of our Lord — these are, therefore, humbly to request your leave therefor; and, that you grant us a dismission from you, and an interest

in your prayers, that God would not only settle the gospel ordinances and institutions among us, but also grant, that pure religion might in this place flourish and abound, we subscribe your brethren in faith and fellowship.

JOHN KEYES, *Deacon.*
ELEAZER TAYLOR,
OLIVER KEYES,
JONATHAN KEYES,
CYPRIAN KEYES, *Deacon.*
EBENEZER TAYLOR,
JOSIAH BENNET,
ELISHA MAYNARD,
PHINEAS HOWE,
JONATHAN BENNET,
JOHN KEYES, JR.
DANIEL BIXBY,
NATHANIEL BIXBY."

North Precinct in Shrewsbury, Sept. 7, 1743.

"Sept. 11, 1743. This request was offered to the church to which it was directed, and they voted, the persons here signing, their request.

Attest, JOB CUSHING, *Pastor.*"

"Deacon Miles and Deacon Knowlton, chosen at the request of the brethren in the north end of the town, to accompany me in assisting to gather a church among them, *October* [not Dec.] 6, 1743, and on the 26th, the Rev. Ebenezer Morse was ordained their pastor." Mr. Cushing and the deacons assisting on the occasion.

On the 12th of August, next following, 16 females were dismissed from Mr. Cushing's church, at their request, and recommended to the North Church, most of them the wives of the brethren there. Their request bears date July 16, 1744, and was signed by them in the order following.

To their names I have appended their husbands, as explanatory of their families.

SARAH KEYES,	wife of Dea. John.
MARTHA BENNET,	" Jonathan.
REBECCA KEYES,	" Oliver.
SARAH HASTINGS,	" David.
RUTH KEYES,	" Henry.
PATIENCE KEYES,	" Jonathan.
HEPZIBAH KEYES,	" Dea. Cyprian.
HANNAH TAYLOR,	" Eleazer.
ABIGAIL HOWE,	" Phineas.
SARAH SMITH,	" Bezaleel.
SARAH GOODALE,	" Edward.
HANNAH BENNET,	" Josiah.
HULDAH MAYNARD,	" Elisha.
PHEBE KEYES, D. of Dea. John,	
ABIGAIL KEYES,	wife of John, Jr.
BULAH TAYLOR,	" Ebenezer.

" Oct. 15, 1775. (Rev. Dr. Sumner's records.) I communicated a letter from the Second Church and Precinct in this town, desiring us to join with them in a fast, and to join with other churches in a council to advise, in their present broken state." The pastor and two delegates attended.

" March 25, 1777. The former council convened again at the North Precinct. 26th. The council for the ordination of Mr. Fairbank convened. The day was spent in hearing Mr. Morse's objections, &c. The 27th, Mr. Fairbank was ordained." Mr. Davenport says his ordination took place March 26th.

The church records furnish nothing more on this subject.

Mr. Davenport says, " in the beginning of the year 1771 things appear to have been approaching a crisis, and in June a meeting was called," &c., reasons submitted to it for dismissing Mr. Morse, as drawn up by the church; one of them was, that he was unfriendly to the common cause, &c.; that the town of Shrewsbury had to call him to an account; that when so doing,

"he did so conduct and word himself, that the town did vote the said Morse be disarmed," &c. Now Mr. Morse's people did not proceed against him, certainly the *town* did not, until May, 1775. It was then the town voted to disarm Mr. Morse. (See page 39.) His conduct and speech, when under examination, and before the assembled town, and, that too, *after* the Committee had reported so leniently respecting him, as not to recommend any measures to be taken against him, as conclusively show his temper and disposition, as "his independent and unyielding spirit."

And although his church did not specify what that conduct and speech were, yet their declaration respecting him in *that* particular is important in forming an opinion of the proceedings of the church and town against him. The sentence passed upon him by the town seemed uncalled for, inasmuch as the Committee did not recommend any thing of the kind, but merely expressed their opinion of his political sentiments. The fact is now disclosed. He was offensive in town meeting, and his independent spirit procured for him on the spot a sentence from which there was no appeal, and privations, which he was compelled to undergo, with the bare consolation, that he was serving his *royal* master, and little good in the end did that do him.

Independent and unyielding spirits, lacking prudence, are sure to involve themselves in trouble. Mr. Morse was a combatant, and with the temper but not the skill of one, he took sides against the land of his birth. His country was invaded, her chartered rights assailed, and her citizens slaughtered for asserting their rights to what God and Mr. Morse's *king* had given them. The fate of his parishioners, his townsmen, his countrymen, *all* were involved in the momentous struggle. It was a contest for liberty at the risk of life. His townsmen had long hung out their banner, "*We will die freemen. We will maintain our rights or fall with them.*" Such too was the voice of the whole land. All this and more was well known by Mr. Morse. Yet having more zeal than knowledge, his independent and unyielding spirit rose in opposition to public sentiment in the same ratio that grew higher and stronger.

He could not brook the idea, that others should manifest an independent spirit, no matter their number or the cause, if they were not for submission to king and parliament; he could not, or would not be politically quiet, consequently he raised the town and parish storm in which he perished. "He sowed to the wind, and reaped the whirlwind," and, in his fall, added one more to the number of those, who were, in that day, crushed by the omnipotence of the *public will.*

Before his settlement, he read law in Worcester, a year or more, in the office of John Chandler, a Gamaliel *Royalist* of the straitest sect, and with whom we may suppose an intimacy, a strengthening of hands and encouraging of hearts, existed at this period. Congenial spirits, alike independent and unyielding, and alike destitute of foresight, to say nothing of their want of patriotism. But yield they did; yield they had to; there was no alternative. Both teacher and pupil lived to see their error, and each other's downfall; and the latter to know the former was compelled to relinquish his office, and with uncovered head to walk between files of armed freemen, and read aloud his recantation and regret for opposing the people, while contending for their rights.

That Mr. Morse had a perfect right to enjoy his opinions, no one will deny; but it was the *use* he made of them that gave offence. He did not consider himself *unsettled* by the parish proceedings against him, although they were backed up by advice of an ecclesiastical council, and the settlement of another pastor in his stead — for in a certificate of his having solemnized a marriage some year's after his dismission, he signed his name, &c., thus: "Ebenezer Morse, SETTLED minister of God's word in Boylston."

He was a man of more than ordinary talents, and a skilful physician; in which calling he practised until near the close of his life.

He was published for marriage Jan. 1, 1790, to Rebecca Symms, of Shrewsbury, widow of Thomas Symms, an officer in the Commissary Department, who died in Shrewsbury during the war of the Revolution. The match was broken off by her-

self or her friends, of whom she had many. For the widow of a patriot to be yoked with Mr. Morse was more than revolutionary blood could bear. It had not then cooled sufficiently for such an event to be looked upon with indifference.

Of the other religious societies in Shrewsbury, the Baptist and Restoration, I am not possessed of later or other information than what appeared in the history published in 1826.

The "Platform," spoken of in the Ecclesiastical History of the South Parish, was a publication of 40 pages, entitled, "A PLATFORM of Church Discipline; Gathered out of the WORD of GOD, and agreed upon by the ELDERS and MESSENGERS of the Churches, assembled in the Synod at Cambridge, in N. E. Anno, 1648." "That Synod was composed of many *Great*, Learned and Pious Persons from the Four famous Colonies in *New England*.

"At a Synod, at Boston, New England, Sept. 10, 1679,"

"It was put to vote, whether the Assembly did approve of the *Platform of Church Discipline?* And both Elders and Brethren did unanimously lift up their hands in the affimative, not one appearing, when the vote was propounded, in the negative; but it jointly passed in these words:" "A Synod of the Churches, in the Colony of Massachusetts, being called by the Honored Gen. Court, to convene at Boston, the 10th of Sept., 1679. Having read and considered the Platform of Church Discipline, agreed upon by the Synod assembled at Cambridge, 1648, do unanimously approve of the said Platform, for the substance of it, desiring that the churches may continue stedfast in the order of the Gospel, according to what is therein declared from the Word of GOD."

"The Gen. Court, May 19, 1680, having taken into serious consideration the request, that had been presented by several of the Reverend Elders, in the name of the late Synod, do approve thereof, and order the Confession of Faith, agreed upon at their second session, and the Platform of Discipline, consented unto by the Synod at Cambridge, Anno, 1648, to be printed, for the benefit of these churches in present and after times."

That work, reprinted in Boston, 1717, has become very scarce. It was recommendatory only. Many churches adopted it in whole, in faith and in practice; others but in part, especially the Platform of Church Discipline was not, in some of its details, recognized in all the churches; some of which had, and others never had, Ruling Elders distinct from the Pastor and Deacons.

FAMILY REGISTER

AND

GENEALOGICAL TABLE.

The people of New England, for many years after its first settlement, called the days of the week by *numbers*, and not by the names we have for them; beginning with the Sabbath, which they called the first, the next day the second, and Saturday the seventh.

They used no names for the months. These also were called by *numbers*, beginning with March, which was the first month, and February, the twelfth and last in the year; "because (says Lechford) they would avoid all memory of heathenish and idol's names."

The manner of computing time by the Julian Calendar was in use from the year 325 to 1751. By that Calendar, every fourth year was a leap year of 366 days, and, at length, was found to be erroneous; as the spring equinox, which happened on the twenty-first of March, 325, happened on the ninth of March, in 1751; when, by Stat. Geo. II., for regulating the commencement of the year, &c., the style was changed, the year to begin on the first day of January, 1752, and the *third* day in September, 1752, to be called the *fourteenth*; and every fourth year to be leap year of 366 days, excepting each hundredth year. Eleven days were thus omitted, and a leap year being omitted in 1800, one day is to be added, making 12 days, the difference now between old and new style.

Pope Gregory XIII. corrected the Julian Calendar in 1582. The Catholic countries immediately adopted the correction; and, to conform to it, England and her colonies adopted double dating, until 1752.

Previous to that Stat., the year was considered as beginning on the 25th of March, and, according to ancient reckoning, March was the first and February the last month in the year. Thus, for instance, what we write 22d Feb. 1732, was then written, 22, 12, 1731-2. In this compilation, where the dates occur between Jan. 1, and March 25, the *year* conforms to the new style, while the *days* of the months remain unaltered.

ABBREVIATIONS.

D. for daughter, b. born, m. married, d. died, s. son, w. wife, grad. graduate, H. U. Harvard University, D. C. Dartmouth College, B. U. Brown University, bap. baptized, chh. church, sup. supposed, chil. children, pub. published for marriage, and others which will be understood by the reader. Names of children are in italic.

ADAMS, JONATHAN, sup. from Dracut, m. Hepzibah Baker, of Westboro', 1755, lived near Northboro' town line, on the old post road, d. April 22, 1802, aged 80, his wid. Hepzibah, May 19, 1802, aged 79. Chil. *Mary*, b. March 9, 1756, and d. June 9, 1759; *Jonathan*, Feb. 13, 1758; *Mary*, Sept. 12, 1761, and m. Timothy Underwood, 1791; *Sarah*, May 23, 1763, and m. Jasper Rand, May 15, 1803, his second w.; *Hepzibah*, April 7, 1768. Daniel Adams, brother of Jonathan, Sen. m. Abigail Hardy, of Westboro', May 21, 1752, and settled there.

ADAMS, JONATHAN, Jr. (s. of Jona.) m. Dorothy, D. of Dr. Edward Flint, Feb. 16, 1790. Child, *Andrew*, b. Jan. 24, 1791 and d. 7 days old. They removed to Barre, where she was recently living at the age of 85 years.

Mary Adams, called of Worcester, sister of Jona. Sen. m. Lewis Allen, 1770.

ALEXANDER, JAMES,* m. Deborah Thompson, of Boston; she d. March 7, 1786. Chil. *William Thompson*, b. Sept.

* Scotchman, naturalized by Mass. Legislature, March 5, 1786, a private soldier in Burgoyne's army, from which, while on their march through this town to Boston,

5, 1780; *Ruth Thompson*, Dec. 21, 1782, and m. in Boston. He next m. Hannah Hager, of S. Sept. 12, 1786. (*Her* D. Lovisa Howe, b. previous to her mother's marriage, m. Benjamin Morse, of Boylston, March 30, 1807.) Chil. *James*, b. June 19, 1787; *David*, July 28, 1788; *Warren*, Feb. 20, 1790, and d. unmarried, May 9, 1836; *Abraham*, Jan. 5, 1792; *Elisha*, May 3, 1793; *John*, who d. June 2, 1794, 6 mo.; *Hannah*, Nov. 4, 1797, and m. Cyrus Drake, Sept. 22, 1819. His wid. Hannah, d. Dec. 19, 1818, aged 62. He m. wid. Elizabeth Floyd, of Southboro', Sept. 14, 1819. She d. May 25, 1834, aged 76. He d. May 18, 1841, aged 87.

ALEXANDER, WILLIAM THOMPSON, (s. of James,) went to Worcester, there m. Anna, lived there some years and then returned; their D. *Eliza*, b. June 30, 1807, and *Charlotte*, who d. Oct. 21, 1821, aged 16. He m. Lucy, D. of Asa Parker, April 2, 1822, and removed from town.

ALEXANDER, JAMES, Jr. (s. of James,) went to Grafton, there m. Sarah Leland, and had a family of children, lived some years in Southboro', returned and d. here Sept. 29, 1838, aged 51.

ALEXANDER, DAVID, (s. of James,) m. Harriet, D. of Fortunatus Nichols, of Westboro'. Chil. *David Hartley Phipps*, b. Nov. 8, 1814; *Cincinnatus Nichols*, May 20, 1817; *Harriet Kemble*, Sept. 18, 1820, and d. Oct. 14, 1821; *Mary Sophia*, Jan. 9, 1810; *Harriet Kemble*, Nov. 29, 1822. His w., Harriet, d. Oct. 4, 1830, aged 38.

as prisoners, he strolled away, and was found by the Rev. Mr. Sumner, early in the morning, in his barn, on the haymow. Mr. Sumner took him into his house, where, being relieved of his hunger, and appearing intelligent, and desirous of employment, a cordwainer by trade, he remained for some time, working at his trade. Before the close of the war, to so low an ebb had paper money fallen, Mr. Sumner, having a large family, proposed to give him the amount of his salary in continental money, if he would keep his family well shod. He was a great reader; well versed in ancient history, and a member of the church 55 years.

ALEXANDER, ABRAHAM, (s. of James,) m. ——, lived here a short time, and removed. Their D. *Nancy*, d. here in 1822, aged 18 months.

ARNOLD, REBECCA, m. Unity Brown, of Dorchester, Canada, now Ashburnham, Aug. 16, 1759.

ABBOT. Families of this name had arrived and settled in Massachusetts, as early as 1630 ; some of them from Yorkshire, England.

ABBOT, EBENEZER, from Andover, whose w. was Martha, lived on the road leading from the post road towards Simon Maynard's. His house stood on the hill, northerly of the brook ; he was a miller. The remains of his mill-dam, &c., on the brook, are yet visible. Chil. *Susanna*, b. Oct. 13, 1759, and d. Aug. 31, 1770; *Sarah*, Sept. 10, 1763, and d. Sept. 3, 1770; *Moody*, June 29, 1765, and d. Sept. 4, 1770; *John*, Sept. 22, 1767, and d. Nov. 22, 1770; *Lewis*, Sept. 26, 1769; *John Moody*, March 2, 1771; *Isaac*, who d. Nov. 5, 1773; *Isaac*, Dec. 9, 1773. Their chil. d. of the dysentery, which prevailed in the town to an alarming degree in 1770. The father survived these repeated shocks but a short time. He d. July 21, 1775, aged 54. His wid. Martha, m. Henry Baldwin, Sen. 1778.

ABBOT, SAMUEL. What connection of Ebenezer, if any, is unknown. He m. Bathsheba Dustin, of Andover, 1758. Chil. *Olive*, b. March 30, 1760 ; *Ebenezer*, Feb. 8, 1762 ; *Molly*, June 3, 1764 ; *Lucinda* and *Eusebia*, twins, April 20, 1766; *Asa*, Nov. 20, 1768; *Ward*, April 15, 1771.

ABBOT MARTHA, m. Nymphas Stacy, 1781.

ALLEN, SILAS,* (s. of Noah,) came from Medfield with a family, and lived on the Elijah Rawson farm, so called. His

* Ancient records have the name, Allyne, Allyn, Alline and Allen; probably all one, originally.

wife was Priscilla Plympton. She d. Feb. 26, 1824, aged 71; and he, April 6, 1834, aged 84. Chil. who came to S. *Asahel, Noah, Silas* and *Elizabeth Cunningham*, who m. Ephraim Hapgood, 1796.

ALLEN, ASAHEL, (s. of Silas,) m. Lucy, D. of Jonas Hemenway, May 8, 1800. She d. Feb. 24, 1804, aged 23. He next m. Mary Jennison Harrington, wid. of Josiah, and D. of Hollis Parker, April 9, 1805. Chil. by last w., *Asahel, Plympton*, b. 1806; *Lucy Hemenway*, Feb. 15, 1809; *Daniel Waldo*, May 17, 1811; *Elizabeth Waldo*, Aug. 17, 1813. He with his family removed to New Hampshire.

ALLEN, Capt. NOAH, (s. of Silas,) m. Irene, D. of Jonas Hemenway, Jan. 1, 1804, and d. Jan. 4, 1845, aged 65½. Chil. *Lucy*, b. Oct. 23, 1804, and m. Uriah Bartlett; *Jonas Hemenway*, Jan. 14, 1807; *Hannah Almira*, July, 1811, and m. John Baxter Plympton, Sept. 4, 1732; *Asa Henry*, Nov. 22, 1815, and m. Catharine Black, of Holden. Chil. Eliza Lamb, Marion E. and Cyrus Bullard.

ALLEN, JONAS H. (s. of Capt. Noah,) m. Clarinda, D. of Lyman Howe, Dec. 4, 1831. Chil. *Charles L.* b. March 12, 1834; *Jonas H.* Aug. 21, 1836.

ALLEN, Capt. SILAS, Jr. (s. of Silas,) m. Elizabeth Lamb, of Spencer, and lives on the homestead. Chil. on record, *Cyrus Bullard*, b. Jan. 31, 1807, and d. unmarried in Philadelphia, some years since, of small pox; *Arnold Lamb*, March 25, 1808; *Simon Hapgood*, Nov. 8, 1811.

ALLEN, ARNOLD L. (s. of Silas, Jr.) m. Caroline Maria, D. of Erastus Sumner, Feb. 26, 1833, and removed to St. Louis, Missouri.

ALLEN, SIMON H. (s. of Silas, Jr.) m. Abigail, D. of Nymphas Pratt, Esq. July 7, 1835. Their D. *Mary E.* b. Nov. 10, 1838, d. Feb. 27, 1840. They removed to St. Louis.

ALLEN, Capt. NATHANIEL, of sea-faring life, from Boston, settled here as early as 1757, on the place where Col. Jos. Henshaw afterwards lived and died. He d. Nov. 1, 1770, aged 71. His wid. (her name does not appear on the town records,) removed soon after his decease, to Leicester, and d. there. He left sons, but none of their names are on record. *Lewis* is the only one whose name has come to my knowledge.

ALLEN, LEWIS, (s. of Nathaniel,) m. Mary Adams, of Worcester, sister of Jonathan, Sen. of S. 1770. He was a rank tory in the early part of the Revolution, but, the place growing too hot for him, he removed to Leicester, and d. there.

ALLEN, EPHRAIM, from Rutland, m. Huldah Chesnut, July 12, 1757. Chil. *Ephraim*, b. April 9, 1763; *Elisha*, March 7, 1765. Huldah was probably the wid. of William Chesnut, and D. of Elisha Maynard.

ALLEN, SIMEON, m. Candace, D. of Capt. Nathan Howe, Sen. 1772, and had *John* b. July 20, 1772. Removed to Princeton, and there had *Candace* and others. Candace m. Jonah Howe, Esq.

ALLEN, ELNATHAN,* admitted to the church here from that in Hopkinton, Oct. 11, 1730, and d. in 1734, as mentioned

* In a letter, of which I have had the perusal, from Madam Allen, widow of the late Rev. Wilkes Allen, deceased, it is said, "Matthew Allen came with Hooker's company, 1632, and settled at Mount Wollaston — thence to Newtown, now Cambridge" — that "Elnathan Allen, with his *brother*, Obadiah, removed from Hopkinton to Shrewsbury. That they were admitted to the chh. in S. from that in H., 1730, and that Elnathan died, 1734, by falling from a load of hay;" "and that Elnathan had *one* son, Israel, and five daughters," &c. Hence, it may be inferred, that Matthew Allen was considered by the Rev. Wilkes Allen, (for what of genealogy is in the letter, purports to have been taken from *his* papers,) the ancestor of the family that came from Hopkinton to Shrewsbury. After a long and extensive search, I have come to the conclusion, and I think correctly, that Elnathan was the grandson of Matthew, and son of Daniel and Mary Allen, who had David b. July 1, 1659, and Rebecca, Jan. 15, 1661, in Charlestown; Samuel, April 17, 1664, and *Elnathan*, Feb. 11, 1666, in Lancaster, and Ebenezer, Dec. 26, 1674, in Watertown, whither they may have retired for safety, as did many families, to that and other towns, from Lancaster, before and at the time of its destruction by the Indians.

in note below. His wife's name was Mary, but, as it does not appear on church or town record, she had probably deceased before he came to Shrewsbury. His children appear, all of them, to have been of adult age at that time; although not on the town record, I have the births of some of them. They were, *Obediah*, *Israel*, b. Dec. 20, 1705; *Elizabeth*, who m. Edward Newton; *Anna*, who m. Amos Pratt, 1722, grandfather of "Master" Nathan Pratt; *Mary*, b. July 14, 1711, and d. unmarried; *Thankful*, Dec. 9, 1713, and m. Daniel Whitney, whose D. Sarah, m. Nathan Bannister.

ALLEN, OBEDIAH, (s. of Elnathan,) and his wife, Susanna, came here with a family of children, chh. 1730. His wife, Susanna, d. Feb. 16, 1740. Chil. as on town and church rec.; perhaps not all of them b. here; *Daniel*, b. April 8, 1721; *Obediah*, May 6, 1723; *Jonathan*, June 10, 1725; *Lucy*, Aug. 4, 1728; *Miriam*, Nov. 4, 1730; *Persis*, Aug. 4, 1735. He

What was Elnathan's age, who d. in 1734, does not appear; if he was the son of Daniel, as I suppose, his age was 68.

There is a record in Boston. of George and Susannah Allen having a son, Elnathan, b. Dec. 26, 1653, and, had he died in 1734, would then have been 81; an age, that renders it *im*probable, that he would be on a load of hay at that time of life. These two are the only Allens, born out of this town, that I have found in all the records I have seen and examined, running through a period of 175 years, who were called *Elnathan*. That the Elnathan who came to Shrewsbury, was the son of Daniel, and he, of Matthew, does not militate with any known opinion entertained by any of their descendants, real or supposed. That Elnathan was the *father*, and *not the brother*, of *Obediah*, can hardly admit of a doubt. The church record, without designating the relation they stood in to each other, says, "Elnathan and Obediah Allen were admitted, &c., to full church privilege, Oct. 11, 1730, by virtue of a letter of recommendation from the church of Christ in Hopkinton."

Elnathan had sons, Obediah and Israel, and Obediah, in 1736, after the death of their father, makes a conveyance, in which he calls himself of Shrewsbury, and says, "I acquit and discharge *my brother*, Israel Allen, of the same town, of all dues, legacies," &c., "or land, which was formerly my Hon. father's, *Elnathan Allen*, late of Shrewsbury, deceased, and now in the possession of the said Israel." That farm has been in the possession of Israel's decendant's to this day. Obediah lived on the farm now owned by Henry Cary. On the first organization of the town militia, he was one of the four first appointed sergeants. The others were William Taylor, Simon Maynard, and Gershom Wheelock. Their first names gave place to their military title, and they were afterwards known and called through life, Sergeant Allen, Sergeant Taylor, Sergeant Maynard and Sergeant Wheelock; a title of more regard in that period, than that of Colonel at the present day.

m. Jemima, D. of Isaac Tomlin, of Westboro', May 19, 1741. She was admitted from the chh. in Marlboro', 1746. Chil. *Silas*, March 11, 1742; *Israel*, April 21, 1745; *Susanna*, May 20, 1747, and d. *April* 25, 1752. It is said, he d. here at an advanced age.

ALLEN, DANIEL, (s. of Obediah,) m. Lydia Cutting, Feb. 4, 1747. Chil. *Henry*, b. March 30, 1748; *Lydia*, Aug. 28, 1749; *Daniel*, April 20, 1753, and m. Martha Maynard, of Northboro', 1775, and removed to New Marlboro'. (Their child, "Vicey, bap. here, Feb. 8, 1778, while the parents were here on a visit.") *Solomon*, or *Salmon*, June 9, 1757, and, *perhaps*, *Simeon*, who m. Candace Howe, 1772.

ALLEN, ISRAEL, (s. of Obediah,) called *Jun.* on the record, instead of 2d, (his uncle Israel then living,) m. Thankful Greenwood, of Framingham, 1768. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and fought bravely in the battle of Bunker Hill. He removed to Spencer, 1783, where his wife, Thankful, d. Oct. 5, 1805, aged 60. He m. wid. Sarah Bennet, 1807. She d. 1818, and he, July 17, 1833, aged 88. The births of his children, recorded here, are, *Silas*, b. Dec. 24, 1768; *Ivory*, Dec. 25, 1770; *Jemima*, May 22, 1773; *Junius*, Aug. 24, 1775; *Ashbel*, July 30, 1778, and m. Nelly Mixer, 1799; *Oshea*, so called in the *town*, but *Otis*, in the *chh.* record, b. Jan. 21, 1781, and bap. May 25, 1781.

ALLEN, ISRAEL, (s. of Elnathan,) m. Elizabeth, D. of Dea. Samuel Wheelock, Feb. 14, 1728. Chil. *Elnathan*, b. Nov. 18, 1728; *Lois*, Nov. 21, 1732, and m. Isaac Tomlin, of Westboro', June 7, 1757, and went to Spencer. He m. Catharine Joslin, of Westboro', May 3, 1764. She was living in 1771; admitted to the chh. in that year. Neither his own, nor the death of either of his wives is on record.

ALLEN, ELNATHAN, (s. of Israel,) m. Thankful Hastings, of Waltham, May 31, 1753, and d. Oct. 2, 1805, aged 77;

his wid. Thankful, March 29, 1807, aged 71. Chil. *Elnathan*, b. May 13, 1754; *Israel*, Aug. 6, 1756; *Rhoda*, Feb. 22, 1759, and m. Jonathan Peirks,* 1780, and d. 1789; *Silas*, Jan. 24, 1762; *Elizabeth*, March 13, 1765, and m. Russell Underwood, Jan. 1, 1789, and went to Vt.; *Arunah*, Aug. 18, 1767; *Luther*, Dec. 26, 1770; *2d Luther*, Sept. 18, 1772; *Wilkes*, July 10, 1775; *Liberty*, Nov. 30, 1777.†

ALLEN, ELNATHAN, Jr. (s. of Elnathan) m. Lydia, D. of Alpheus Pratt, Nov. 24, 1773. Chil. *Sarah*, bap. Jan. 22, 1775; *Phebe*, bap. Oct. 20, 1776. His wife, Lydia, d., and he m. Lydia Roberts, Nov. 19, 1778. He lived a short time on the farm, now of Joseph Nurse, and removed to Brattleboro', Vt. and d. June, 1830, aged 76.

ALLEN, ISRAEL, (s. of Elnathan,) never m. He was a physician; settled in Sterling, 1786, where he d. 1817, aged 61. On his grave stone is represented a tree, *prostrate*, with this inscription underneath, "As the tree falleth, so it lieth."

ALLEN, SILAS, (s. of Elnathan,) a physician, m. Susan Thurston, and settled in Leominster, where she d. Sept. 13, 1824, aged 55. He d. there Aug. 13, 1840, aged 78. Chil. *Julia*, *Henry*, *Susan*, who d. 1799; *Mira*, *Silas* and *William T.*, who d. in 1842.

ALLEN, ARUNAH, (s. of Elnathan,) m. Mary Richardson, Dec. 16, 1788, and has been a Baptist clergyman more than 50 years in Vt. Chil. rec. here, *John Jarvis*, b. Oct. 24, 1789; *Rhoda*, April 14, 1791; *Jubal Eldridge*, March 20, 1793; *Levinah Johnson*, July 15, 1797.

* Some of the younger branches of this family now spell the name, *Parks*. *Park* is the correct spelling, but every man has a right to spell his own name as he pleases.

† The names of "*Wilkes* and *Liberty*" are eminently significant of the father's patriotism.

ALLEN, LUTHER, (s. of Elnathan,) a physician, succeeded his brother, Israel, in that profession, in Sterling, and there m. Sarah Brown, 1804, and d. 1837, aged 65. Chil. *Charles*, *Caroline* and *James*.

ALLEN, Rev. WILKES, (s. of Elnathan,) grad. H. U. 1801; ordained min. of Chelmsford, Nov. 16, 1803, and dis. at his own request, Oct. 21, 1832; d. in Andover, Dec. 2, 1845, aged 70. His wife was Mary, D. of Dea. James Morrill, of Boston, m. Nov. 13, 1805. Chil. *James Morrill*, b. Oct. 5, 1806; *Charles Hastings*, March 11, 1809; *Wilkes*, Dec. 30, 1810; *John Clarke*, Nov. 15, 1812, grad. H. U. 1833, and d. June 24, 1834; *Nathaniel Glover*, Jan. 22, 1816; grad. H. U. 1842; and three others, who d. infants.

ALLEN, LIBERTY, (s. of Elnathan,) m. Mary Ammidon, of Fitzwilliam, N. H. 1801; lives on the homestead of his first ancestor here. Chil. *Owen Warland*, b. Sept. 2, 1801; *Lucius Shumway*, Aug. 29, 1802; *Augustus Ammidon*, Aug. 15, 1804; *Thankful Hortentia*, Dec. 6, 1805, and m. Artemas Perrin, of Millbury, 1831, and removed to Stockton, N. Y. Chil. Henry and Horace; *Eunice Sophronia*, b. March 21, 1807, and m. Leander Sawyer. Chil. Everet Leander, Marion Sophronia, Appleton Lokrstan, Caroline Paulina, and Henry Adolphus. *Mary Eliza*, b. Aug. 8, 1809, m. John W. Barton. Chil. Mary Eliza, d.; William, d.; and Ann Maria Eliza. *Keziah Cleora*, b. Jan. 9, 1811, m. Timothy Ellis, reside in Fitzwilliam, N. H. Chil. 3. *Flora Rosline*, b. Jan. 22, 1813, m. Augustus F. Maynard. Chil. Ellen Maria, d.; Caroline Allen, and Mary Elizabeth, d. *Caroline Cynthia*, b. July 31, 1815, and m. Thomas Rice, of Northboro'; *Liberty Gilman*, Nov. 24, 1817; *James Appleton*, June 12, 1819; *Henry Edwards Whipple*, Sept. 12, 1822, and m. Cynthia Whitney.

ALLEN, OWEN WARLAND, (s. of Liberty,) m. Susan W., D. of Humphrey Bigelow. Chil. *Charles Owen*, b. Dec. 25, 1827; *Caroline Susan*, Sept. 9, 1833; *Henry Lucius*, March 9, 1839; *Samuel Bigelow*, d.

ALLEN, LUCIUS S. (s. of Liberty,) m. Persis, D. of Abner Harlow. Child, *George Lucius*, b. March 28, 1830.

ALLEN, AUGUSTUS A. (s. of Liberty,) m. Paulina Dean, of Sutton, 1831. Chil. *James Edward*, b. Sept. 22, 1830, d.; *Henry Augustus*, July 20, 1833, d.; *Harriet Augusta*, July 25, 1835; *Lucius Franklin*, Aug. 9, 1837, d.

ALLEN, ROBERT, and his wife, SEDINAH, had chil. b. as follows: *David*, May 11, 1724, bap. here, Sept. 11, 1726; *Mary* and *Ann*, twins, bap. Oct. 29, 1727.

ALLEN, Rev. GEORGE, (s. of Hon. Joseph, of Worcester,) grad. Y. C. was ordained here, colleague pastor of Rev. Dr. Sumner, Nov. 19, 1823; his wife, Eliza Pitkin, was from Ct. (Her mother, wid. Elizabeth Alden, d. here, March 19, 1816, aged 68.) Chil. *George*, who m. Elizabeth Denny, D. of Rev. John Miles; *Charles*, who d. Nov. 16, 1838, aged 17; *Ann Maria*, who d. July 16, 1839, aged 16. No births of any chil. on the town rec.

ANGIER, BENJAMIN, from Ashburnham, m. Anna, D. of Daniel Baker, Jan. 27, 1801, and d. April 1, 1839, aged 64. *Azubah*, their only child, d. July 21, 1826, aged 20.

ANDREWS, ROBERT,* from Boxford, (where his parents resided,) m. Lucy Bradstreet, of Topsfield, a descendant of Gov. Bradstreet, and removed to Brookfield, and soon after to this town, and settled in the North Parish; captain, selectman, &c., and d. Nov. 11, 1789, aged 67. His wid. Lucy, b. Oct. 24, 1724, d. Dec. 22, 1815, aged 91. Chil. *Robert*, b. Jan. 8,

* Robert Andrews was in Ipswich, 1635, John, in 1639, and Richard, in 1643, and said to have been brothers; and that another brother went to Hingham, perhaps, Thomas, who was in Hingham, 1635, and d. there. Of these, Robert, whose wife was Grace, had John, whose wife was Sarah; their son, Robert, whose wife was Deborah, had James, Nathan and *Robert*, first above mentioned, and who was born Nov. 3, 1722.

1748; *Samuel*, Sept. 14, 1750; *Daniel*, July 22, 1752; *Elizabeth*, Feb. 17, 1755, and d. Sept. 29, 1757; *John*, March 29, 1757; *Lucy*, who m. Jonathan Bond, Jr.; *Asa*, May 11, 1762; *Jotham*, Dec. 18, 1766, and d. infant.

ANDREWS, ROBERT, (s. of Robert,) m. Dorothy Goodenow, of Princeton, 1770, and d. July 13, 1835, aged 87. His wife, Dorothy, b. 1751, d. Oct. 2, 1822, aged 71. Chil. *Jotham*, b. July 25, 1771; *Robert*, Sept. 15, 1776; *Dolly*, Oct. 1, 1778, and m. *Emery Temple*;* *Asa*, March 1, 1782; *Dudley*, July 29, 1784; *Dennis*, April 11, 1787; *John*, March 3, 1793, a physician.

ANDREWS, SAMUEL, (s. of Robert, Sen.) m. Judith, D. of Stephen Flagg, July 10, 1777. Chil. *Lucy Ann*, b. May 2, 1778, d. Sept. 1797; *Elizabeth*, Sept. 20, 1781; *Judith*, May 8, 1783, d. His second wife was Annis, D. of Rev. Ebenezer Morse. Chil. *Samuel*, b. July 11, 1801; *Mary Morse*, April 22, 1803, and both d.

ANDREWS, Dea. DANIEL, (s. of Robert, Sen.) m. Dinah, D. of Joseph Bigelow, Jr. 1781, and d. March 12, 1826, aged 74; killed by an unruly bull, his wid. Dinah, Nov. 15, 1834, aged 79. Chil. *Mary*, b. Aug. 15, 1782, m. Silas Hastings, Jr. 1800; † *Sarah*, Dec. 1, 1785, m. James Davenport, May 27, 1803; ‡ *Asaph*, April 22, 1788; *Edmund*, Aug. 13, 1791, and d. July 24, 1844; *Eunice*, Oct. 16, 1793, and m. Seth White, and d. Dec. 1846; *Daniel*, June 22, 1797, and d. 1821.

* Chil. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 31, 1793, d. Sept. 5, 1800; Dorothy, Nov. 21, 1800; Thayer, May 14, 1802; Elizabeth, May 10, 1805; Lydia, Jan. 7, 1807. The mother of these chil. d. Oct. 15, 1815, aged 37.

† Chil. George and Mary, the former d.

‡ Chil. James Henderson Elliot, b. Oct. 29, 1804, d. April 16, 1833; Sarah, Nov. 9, 1806, and d. Dec. 27, 1825; Amelia Ann, June 7, 1809; Edward Andrews, Dec. 9, 1811, and d. June 3, 1822; Charlotte Bigelow, March 29, 1814; John Addington, Sept. 12, 1816; George Matthew, Jan. 1, 1819; Nancy Judson, Dec. 24, 1819; Caroline Searl, March 12, 1822; Augusta, Dec. 2, 1824, and d. infant; Edward A. April 8, 1827; Richard Bush, Dec. 21, 1830.

ANDREWS, JOHN, (s. of Robert, Sen.) m. Margaret Parker, of Holden, Dec. 4, 1794, and d. Feb. 13, 1822, aged 65. Chil. *Mary Parker*, b. June 26, 1795, m. Jonathan Flagg, March 27, 1817;* *Robert*, March 22, 1797, and d. 1798; *Willard*, Oct. 6, 1798; *Lucy Bradstreet*, March 6, 1800, d. 1801; *John*, March 2, 1802; *Robert*, Jan. 2, 1805; *Thomas Denny*, Sept. 29, 1806, and d. Oct. 1, 1833.

ANDREWS, ASA, Esq. (s. of Robert, Sen.) grad. H. U. 1783; removed to Ipswich; in 1796, appointed, by President Washington, Collector of the Port and District of Ipswich, which office he held more than 30 years; m. Oct. 12, 1788, Joanna, D. of Hon. John Heard, of Ipswich. She d. July 12, 1797. Chil. *Elizabeth Ann*, who m. Hon. Sidney Willard, Professor in H. U. and d. July, 1817; *John Dudley*, grad. H. U. 1810, commenced the practice of law, and d. 1817; *Edward*, also a grad. H. U. 1810, Episcopal clergyman, Binghampton, N. Y. and D. D. by the college of Geneva. His second wife was Hannah Farley, m. Oct. 25, 1798. She d. Jan. 9, 1807, aged 36. Chil. *Theodore* and *Charlotte*. His third wife is Sarah Farley, m. July 3, 1807. They are both living in Ipswich, and from him is this account of *his* family.

ANDREWS, JOTHAM, (s. of Robert and Dorothy,) m. Nancy Chil. *Jotham*, who d. infant; *Nancy*, May 15, 1801, and d.; *Charles*, March 30, 1803, d.

ANDREWS, ROBERT, (s. of R. and D.) m. Lucy Holt. Chil. *Justin*, b. Dec. 26, 1797, d.; *Lucy*, April 13, 1800; *Clarissa*, Oct. 20, 1802; *Thaddeus Chenery*, May 21, 1805; *Mary Williams*, April 25, 1809; *Dolly Goodenow*, March 2, 1811; *Robert*, April 26, 1813; *James*, Aug. 21, 1815; *Lucy Ann*, Dec. 1, 1817.

* Chil. Mary M. b. Jan. 24, 1818, d. 1825; Caroline, Sept. 12, 1820; John T. Aug. 6, 1823; William, Aug. 13, 1826; Solon G. May 16, 1829; Mary M. July 22, 1834; Charles A. Dec. 15, 1835.

ANDREWS, ASA, (s. of R. and D.) m. Mary Chil. *Eliza*, b. Aug. 10, 1802, d.; *Lyman*, March 19, 1803; *Isabella*, May 13, 1805; *Dudly Bradstreet*, Aug. 8, 1809; *Catharine*, April 13, 1813; *Dolly Temple* and *Mary Seaver*, Jan. 1, 1816; *Sabra*, Sept. 5, 1818. His second wife was Elizabeth Chil. *Frederic W.* b. Sept. 6, 1839, d. *Edward*. The father of these children d. Aug. 16, 1844, aged 62.

ANDREWS, DUDLY, (s. of R. and D.) m. Hepzibah and d. May, 1832, aged 48. Chil. *Dudly*, *Robert Henry*, *Wright Smith*, *William*, *Hepza Dana*, and *Mary*.

ANDREWS, DENNIS, (s. of R. and D.) m. Tamar Chil. *Stephen*, *Abigail*, *Caroline*, and *Henry*, all d. young. Their father d. June 11, 1820, aged 33.

ANDREWS, JOHN, (s. of R. and D.) m. Cynthia Chil. *Edwin*, b. July 25, 1821, d.; *Laura Ann*, Oct. 21, 1823; *John Dudly*, Dec. 2, 1825; *Mary Russell*, Feb. 27, 1828; *Nahum Houghton*, Jan. 14, 1830; *Cynthia*, Jan. 3, 1832; *Alfred*, March 15, 1834.

ANDREWS, ASAPH, (s. of Dea. Daniel,) m. Mary Fairbank, of Harvard, Dec. 22, 1831, removed to this town from Boylston soon after.* Chil. *Mary E.* b. Dec. 22, 1832; *Asaph E.* Sept. 4, 1835; *Daniel Miller*, Nov. 26, 1836; *Hannah Maria*, Dec. 18, 1838; *Ellen Loisa*, Nov. 7, 1841; *Henry F.* May 1845, and d. Sept. 19, 1846.

ANDREWS, WILLARD, (s. of John and Margaret,) m. Dolly Houghton, June 18, 1829. Chil. *Albert*, b. July 13, 1831; *Theodore*, Jan. 11, 1833; *Julia A.* May 30, 1835; *Ferdinand*, Dec. 13, 1838; *William*, Nov. 20, 1840, and d. 1841; *Emma E.* March 13, 1846.

* From him is much of the foregoing account of the Andrews' family.

ANDREWS, JOHN (brother of Willard) m. Mary E. Dustin, Nov. 3, 1831. Chil. *Mary M.*, b. Nov. 10, 1832; *John T.*, Jan. 14, 1835, and d. Nov. 1836; *Elizabeth A.*, Sept. 29, 1836; *John T.*, March 4, 1838; *Margaret*, Aug. 1, 1842; *Charles T.*, Sept. 16, 1844.

ANDREWS, ROBERT (bro. of preceding) m. Caroline Wilder, 1834. Chil. *Charles*, b. July, 1835; *Caroline L.*, Aug. 1838.

ANDREWS, THOMAS (cousin of the first Robert that came here) m. Margaret Bradstreet, sister of Robert's wife, Lucy, and removed to this town from Boxford, and d. in Boylston. His wid. Margaret, survived him, and d. in Newfane, Vt. Chil. *David*; *Jonathan*, who d. unm., and *Elizabeth*, who m. John Morse, 1769, and removed to Newfane.

ANDREWS, DAVID (s. of Thomas) m. Abigail Nixon, of Sudbury, 1764. Chil. *Mary*, b. March 29, 1768; *Elizabeth*, Jan. 14, 1770. One of these daughters, it is said, m. —— Cook, of Lancaster, and d. leaving no children.

BOUKER, JOHN* and his wife, who was Freedom,† D. of John Bigelow, of Marlboro', came here from Westboro', 1741. Chil. *Silas*, b. May 29, 1733; *Elizabeth*, Feb. 9, 1735, and m. Nathan Eager, of Lancaster, 1754; *John*, Oct. 26, 1736; *Sarah*, Aug. 5, 1738, and d. Aug. 6, 1742; *Benjamin*, Dec. 26, 1740, and d. 1742; all b. in Westboro'; the two last d. here; *Solomon*, b. March 25, 1743. There is no further record of the family on the town books.

* Asa, Ezekiel and Edmund were probably his brothers, and sons of John and Mary Howe, who were m. there, Feb. 3, 1673. This name, anciently, had various spellings — Boucher, Bowker, &c.; Swedish origin.

† Her father, who had been taken and carried into captivity by the Indians, Oct. 1705, returned after long detention in Canada, and, says the Rev. Mr. Allen, in his history of Northboro', "in token of his gratitude for his remarkable deliverance from captivity, called his daughter, born soon after his return, Freedom; and a second, born some time afterwards, Comfort, as expressive of his happiness," &c. According to the Marlboro' records, his chil. were Jerusha, b. 1696; Thankful, 1699; Joseph, 1703; John, 1704; Comfort, 1707; Freedom, 1710; Anna, 1712; Gershom, 1714; Jotham, 1717; Benjamin, 1720, and Sarah, 1724.

BOUKER, ASA (sup. bro. of preceding John) m. Martha Eager in Marlboro', Feb. 28, 1718, and settled here as early as 1729. He lived in the east part of the town, a few rods northerly of the house of Elisha Davis. His wife, Martha, d. March 6, 1747, aged 54½. Chil. *Hazadiah*, b. Jan. 25, 1719; *Martha*, Jan. 21, 1722. and m. Robert Keyes, 1740; *Mary*, Feb. 27, 1723, and m. Simon Parker, 1742; *Charles*, Aug. 17, 1725; all b. in Marlboro'; *Sibbillah*, bap. here Sept. 28, 1729, and m. Ebenezer Bragg, Jr. 1751; *Lucy*, b. Dec. 30, 1731; *Lydia*, Dec. 6, 1733, and m. Seth Hapgood, 1757; *Thankful*, June 25, 1736, and m. Solomon Goddard of Marlboro', Oct. 30, 1758. He next m. Hannah, D. of David Crosby, Oct. 3, 1752. She d. Feb. 28, 1762. He d. Nov. 2, 1763, aged 73.

A Mary Bouker m. George Earle, of Leicester, April 26, 1757, and a Mary Bouker d. here March 29, 1766, aged 20. Her parents not named on the record.

BOUKER, Lt. CHARLES (s. of Asa) m. Eunice, D. of Isaac Stone, May 2, 1748. Lived near where his father did. No house now marks the spot where either of them resided. Rep. in 1778, and d. of a cancer, March 11, 1781, aged 56. His wid. Eunice, Oct. 31, 1782, aged 59. Chil. *Ezra*, b. Sept. 9, 1748, and d. unm. Jan. 4, 1782; *Noyes*, Feb. 18, 1750, and d. Oct. 26, 1764; *Prudence*, Sept. 25, 1751, and m. Jonah Howe, 1771; *Elizabeth*, Aug. 21, 1753, and m. Dr. Wm. Dexter of Marlboro', 1775, and next, Edward Lowe of Leominster, 1795, where she was recently living, in her 93d year; *Jane*, May 26, 1761.

BOUKER, ANTIPASS b. Oct. 3, 1733, (s. of Josiah Bouker, and his wife, Hassadiah Eager, m. March 29, 1733) came here from Westboro', with his wife, Esther Rice, of Marlboro', m. Oct. 6, 1757. Chil. *Antipass*, b. Oct. 28, 1758; *Gideon*, March 9, 1760, both in Westboro'; *Esther*, Nov. 3, 1761; *Sophronia*, Oct. 24, 1763; *Lucena* and *Sefina*, June 15, 1766.

BRAGG, EBENEZER, a native of Ipswich, (where was Edward Bragg in 1648) but came here from Marlboro'; admitted to chh. here, Feb. 6, 1726, from chh. there. He was working at his trade here in 1723; * m. Zeruiah Brigham, in Marlboro', March 16, 1724. He was admitted here from chh. there, in 1726. She d. July 1, 1736, aged 38. Chil. *Ebenezer*, b. March 7, 1725, and m. Sibbillah, D. of Asa Bouker, Oct. 5, 1751; *Zeruiah*, June 29, 1727, and d. infant; *Lydia*, Jan. 27, 1729; *Abiel*, June 25, 1730; *Elizabeth*, Jan. 10, 1732; *Moses*, Aug. 19, 1733; *Mary*, Jan. 4, 1735; *Zeruiah* and *Thankful*, June 22, 1736; the former lived two months, the latter d. April 7, 1756. His second wife was Sarah. He d. Sept. 4, 1766, aged 67. Chil. *Benjamin*, b. Nov. 24, 1738, and d. "in the king's service," Sept. 10, 1760; *Zeruiah*, March 1, 1740, and m. William Johnson, of Southboro', Jan. 1, 1767; *John*, April 26, 1741, and d. Oct. 31, 1745; *Nathaniel*, March 13, 1743, d. Nov. 12, 1745; *Timothy*, Oct. 3, 1744, and d. Nov. 6, 1745; *John*, March 9, 1746; *Nathaniel*, June 18, 1747; *Sarah*, Dec. 15, 1748, d. June 7, 1751; *Timothy*, June 20, 1751; *Sarah*, April 3, 1753, and d. unm. April 23, 1832; *Martha*, Jan. 15, 1758, and m. Daniel Johnson, 1778.

BRAGG, ABIEL (s. of Ebenezer) m. Abigail Wilson, Jan. 29, 1753. Chil. *Lovisa*, bap. July 7, 1754; *Elizabeth*, bap. March 14, 1756.

* He was then 24 years of age, a carpenter by trade; and, in August, of that year, was building a house for Capt. John Keyes, on the ground where the house of Lucius S. Allen now stands. In the night of the 7th of that month, the house, being nearly finished, was burnt, as was another, standing near it. Of the six persons sleeping in the new house, Mr. Bragg was the only one who escaped from the devouring element. He threw himself out of the chamber window, and luckily came to the ground on his feet. Of those who perished, were his brother, Abiel, aged 17 years, and William Oakes, 16, his apprentices; Solomon, of 20, John of 13, and Stephen, of 6 years of age, sons of Capt. Keyes. It is remarkable that the town records do not contain any notice of this event, nor the death of any one of those who perished in that terrible conflagration.

BRAGG, NATHANIEL (s. of Ebenezer) m. Sarah Wilson of Northboro', 1770. Chil. *Benjamin*, b. March 27, 1772; *Sarah*, Feb. 27, 1774.

BRAGG, TIMOTHY (s. of Ebenezer) m. Mary Taylor of Worcester, 1792. Chil. *Sarah*, March 24, 1793; *Mary*, May 25, 1795; *Lois*, Oct. 7, 1796. He removed to Worcester, and d. Feb. 19, 1797, aged 46.

BRAGG, Dea. JOHN (s. of Ebenezer) m. Lydia Angier of Southboro', Dec. 19, 1782, and lived on the place, now of the Rev. John Miles. He was ad. to chh. 1784. She d. Jan. 24, 1808. He, a revo. pen. Sept. 24, 1819, aged 74. Chil. *John*, b. Dec. 16, 1783; *Ebenezer*, April 26, 1785; *Anna*, May 26, 1787, and m. Joseph Maynard, 1807; *Mary*, March 15, 1789, d. Dec. after; *Nahum*, June 2, 1793; *Lydia* and *Elizabeth*, May 16, 1795, and both d. 1796.

BRAGG, Capt. JOHN, Jr. (s. of Dea. John) m. Eunice Cooper of New Haven, Ct. Chil. *John Cooper*, b. Feb. 1, 1808, and d. 1809; *John Cooper*, Jan. 31, 1809, and lived 3 months; *Harriet Clark*, April 9, 1810; *Lydia Angier*, Nov. 16, 1811; *John*, May 5, 1813; *Timothy Dwight*, Jan. 7, 1817; *Abigail*, Nov. 21, 1818, and d. Sept. 25, 1821; *Horatio*, July 12, 1820, and d. Sept. 28, 1821. He removed with his family to Lancaster, 1825, afterwards to New Haven.

BRAGG, EBENEZER (s. of Dea. John) m. Martha Wilder, of Lancaster, 1810. Chil. *William Wilder*, b. Sept. 20, 1811. He removed to Lancaster, where he had *Ebenezer*, 1815; *Charles*, 1818; *Martha*, 1820, m. William Carter, and d. 1844; *William Wilder*, his son, m. Ann Ayres. Child, William, b. 1837.

BRAGG, NAHUM (s. of Dea. John) m. wid. Hannah B. Hall, of Boston, and removed to Dorchester, and d. there, 1837, aged 46; no issue.

BARBER, MATHEW, from Weston, m. Mary Blair, Jan. 31, 1727. Chil. *Mary*, b. March 9, 1728; *Robert*, bap. Sept. 21, 1729; *Sarah*, bap. June 6, 1731; *Lydia*, bap. March 4, 1733.

BENNET, SAMUEL (probably from Lancaster) lived in N. Parish, (perhaps s. of Samuel, who signed the chh. covenant next after Rev. Mr. Cushing.) His wife's name does not appear on the town or chh. records. He d. Dec. 5, 1762, aged 72. Chil. *Mary*, bap. July 27, 1729; *Abigail*, Aug. 20, 1732; *Ithamar*, bap. Feb. 23, 1735; *Thankful*, bap. July 8, 1739. Josiah and Jonathan may have been brothers of Samuel. James Bennet, of Concord, had Thomas, b. 1642. George and Lydia Bennet had Samuel, in Lancaster, 1665, whom I sup. to be the one who was here in 1723, and who, out of regard to age, then 68, took precedence of all but Mr. Cushing, in signing the chh. covenant. Josiah and Jonathan may have been his *sons*.

BENNET, JOSIAH (sup. s. of Samuel) m. Hannah Ross, of Lancaster, Nov. 27, 1728, chh. 1731, and d. before 1751. Chil. *Josiah*, b. Dec. 18, 1730; *Miriam*, Dec. 23, 1732, and m. Ebenezer Cutler, Jr. of Grafton, Nov. 28, 1764; *Asa*, April 26, 1735, and m. Sybil Barnes of Marlboro'. June, 1784; *Experience*, March 26, 1739; *Jonas*, March 11, 1741, and d. infant; *Lydia*, Oct. 9, 1747; *Jonas*, Feb. 11, 1749, and m. Mary Williams, July 10, 1773.

BENNET, JONATHAN (sup. s. of Samuel) m. Martha Harris of Lancaster, April 14, 1736. She d. 1808, aged 91. Chil. *Dinah*, b. July 15, 1737, and m. Oliver Barns of Northboro', Dec. 24, 1770; *Relief*, March 26, 1739, and m. Jacob Eills, Feb. 10, 1769; *Lucy*, bap. Nov. 19, 1741, and m. Charles Bigelow, Dec. 23, 1760; *Persis*, May 21, 1744; *Jonathan*, Dec. 10, 1746, and m. Catharine Willis, of Sudbury, 1770; *David*, Oct. 21, 1749.

BENNET, JOSIAH (s. of Josiah) m. Abial Graves of Sudbury, Aug. 13, 1751. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 10, 1753, sup. m. Luther Rice, of Lancaster, 1780; *John*, June 23, 1755; *Dorcas*, April 2, 1758, and m. Oliver Hale of Marlboro', 1778.

BENNET,D AVID (s. of Jonathan) m. Persis, D. of Josiah Cutting, Feb. 14, 1773. Chil. *Persis*, b. July 4, 1774; *Ephraim*, Nov. 7, 1776, and d. next mo. The father probably d. before 1779, as in that year the *wid.* Persis Bennet, m. Phillip Branscom.

BENNET, JOHN (s. of Josiah and Abial) m. Lucretia Rice of Lancaster, 1778. Chil. *Judah Alden*, b. Nov. 9, 1778, and d. infant; *Nancy*, Jan. 7, 1780; *Lucy Curtis*, Dec. 13, 1781.

BENNET, PHINEAS m. Mary French, Jan. 9, 1741. Chil. *Phineas*, bap. Aug. 2, 1741.

BENNET, BEZALEEL m. Rachel Barns of Hingham, 1774. Chil. *Rachel*, b. Feb. 26, 1775; *Bezaleel*, Sept. 11, 1776; *Hannah*, July 6, 1778; *David*, Aug. 1, 1780; *Briggs*, July 29, 1782. The two last at Jaffrey, N. H. whither he had probably removed.

BENNET, EPHRAIM m. Priscilla Willington, Jan. 1785.

It is believed all the Bennet families lived in the N. Parish. Samuel Bennet, a carpenter, was in Lynn, 1637. Samuel Bennet, (s. of George Bennet and Lydia Kibbey, his wife, m. 3, 4, 1658) b. in Lancaster, 22, 5, 1665.

BIGELOW, Capt. JOSEPH * from Marlboro', (s. of John, of Marlboro') where he m. Martha, D. of Gershom Brigham, Feb. 22, 1725, and was here, on house lot, No. 18, in 1729,

* This name is written Biggely, Biguiah and Bigloh, in the ancient records of Watertown; also, in the early records of Middlesex County; afterwards, Biglo, then Biglow, and, generally, of late, Bigelow. The name of Flagg was once *fleg*, flax was *flex*, and chair was *chier*, and so written and pronounced. Samuel Bigulah and Mary *fleg* were married in Watertown, June 3, 1674, and had John, b. 1675;

selectman in 1748, and probably d. that year. Chil. *Joseph*, b. Nov. 9, 1726; *Martha*, May 3, 1728, d. infant; *Charles*, April 22, 1729; *Martha*, March 10, 1733, d. July 13, 1742; *Stephen*, Jan. 10, 1735, and d. 1756; *Anna*, Jan. 14, 1737, and m. Samuel Hastings, Oct. 26, 1757; *Mehitable*, Sept. 14, 1739, and d. 1746; *Solomon*, Oct. 13, 1746, m. Mary Demmon, April 6, 1769; *Mary*, Sept. 18, 1748, and m. Isaac Moor of Bolton, June 2, 1768. Wid. Martha Bigelow (probably of Capt. Joseph) m. Ezekiel Brigham, of Marlboro', Dec. 14, 1749. She was admitted to the chh. here in 1727.

BIGELOW, Capt. JOSEPH, Jr. (s. of Capt. Joseph) m. Olive Chil. *Relief*, b. June 10, 1751, and m. Thomas Richardson, 1775; *Martha*, May 14, 1753; sup. m. Abel Bigelow, 1778; *Dinah*, July 28, 1755, and m. Daniel Andrews, 1781; *Olive*, Oct. 30, 1757; *Stephen*, June 1, 1760; *Ascah*, Sept. 8, 1762; *Abigail*, Nov. 21, 1764; *Eunice*, Feb. 14, 1772; *Miriam*, Aug. 12, 1774.

BIGELOW, CHARLES (s. of Joseph, Sen.) m. Lucy, D. of Jonathan Bennet, Dec. 23, 1760. Chil. *Lucretia*, b. April 3, 1762, and m. Josiah Peirce, 1780; *Andrew*, April 24, 1764, and m. Sarah, D. of Jonathan Fassett, (Fawcet) 1785; *Joseph*, April 15, 1766; *Charles*, Jan. 1, 1768; *Asahel*, Nov. 27, 1769; *Lucy*, Jan. 13, 1772; *Solomon*, Sept. 16, 1774; *Mary*, July 15, 1779; *John*, Aug. 24, 1781.

BIGELOW, ABEL m. Martha, D. of Joseph Bigelow, Jr., 1778. Chil. *Dennis*, b. July 15, 1779; *Artemas*, Jan. 21, 1781, and d. Nov. 25, 1781; *Martha*, May 27, 1784; *Abel*, July 19, 1785.

Samuel, 1679, and Thomas, 1683. These three brothers settled in Marlboro', and each of them had a large family of children.

Of the children of John, Joseph, (afterwards Capt. Joseph,) b. 1703, and Benjamin, b. 1720, settled in Shrewsbury. Freedom, the wife of John Bouker, was their sister.

Of the children of Samuel, Samuel, b. 1707, and Amariah (afterwards Dea. Amariah) b. 1722, of a second wife, settled in this town. The former in the South, the latter in the North Parish.

BIGELOW, SAMUEL, from Westboro', (s. of Samuel, of Marlboro') m. Jedidah Hathorn, of Marlboro', Nov. 28, 1729; lived in S. part of the town, on the Grafton road. She was then a mem. of Marlboro' chh. They were both admitted here in 1731. Chil. *Samuel*, b. June 24, 1731; *Jedidah*, March 21, 1733, and m. John Wheeler, Jr. 1760; *Dorcas*, July 6, 1735, and m. Seth Swan of Paxton, 1768; *Solomon*, July 25, 1737, and d. Oct. 1742; *Silas*, Oct. 10, 1739, H. U. 1765, ord. minister of Paxton, Oct. 21, 1767, and d. Nov. 16, 1769, leaving a family; *Solomon*, Nov. 3, 1742; *Ithamar*, July 30, 1745; *Sarah*, Sept. 10, 1747, and m. Ephraim Smith of Grafton, June 8, 1767. He next m. Abigail, wid. of Moses Hastings, and D. of Wm. Taylor, May 7, 1770. There is no record of his death, nor of the death of either of his wives, on the town book.

BIGELOW, SAMUEL, Jr. (s. of Samuel) m. Phebe, D. of Daniel Rand, July 1, 1755; she d. June 10, 1770, aged 37. Chil. *Levinah*, Feb. 1, 1756, and m. James Wheeler, of Grafton; *Mary*, April 13, 1757; *Vashti*, May 19, 1758; *Lucretia*, June 1, 1760, and m. Adam Harrington, Aug. 1781, and Capt. Martin Newton, 1794; *Humphrey*, Sept. 4, 1761; *Serena*, March 16, 1765, and m. Benjamin Jennings, Jr. of Brookfield, 1786. He m. Anna Winchester, of Grafton, 1770, and had *John* b. Dec. 11, 1771.

BIGELOW, SOLOMON (s. of Samuel, Sen.) m. Sarah, D. of Elisha Newton, March 4, 1761. Chil. *Barna*, b. Sept. 11, 1762; (said to have d. in Brookfield, Vt. aged 78. His D. Lydia m. Noyes Tucker, 1805) *Silas*, Dec. 1, 1764, and d. infant; *Silas*, Dec. 24, 1766. This family settled in Fitzwilliam.

BIGELOW, HUMPHREY (s. of Samuel, Jr.) m. Mary, D. of Phineas Underwood of Westford, Dec. 20, 1786. She d. Oct. 6, 1789, aged 22, leaving *John*, b. Aug. 12, 1787, and d. in Sutton, aged 23. He next m. Hannah Whipple, of Graf-

ton, 1791. Chil. *Samuel*, b. July 2, 1793, and m. D. of Jonathan Forbush, of Grafton, and removed to Ohio; *Catharine*, Aug. 12, 1795; *Hannah*, Oct. 2, 1797, and m. —— Richardson, of Sutton, next, Pardon Aldrich, of Grafton; *Mary*, Aug. 4, 1799, and d. unm.; *Silas*, Aug. 10, 1801; *Moses*, July 23, 1803. He removed to Sutton with his family, (where he had *Susan W.*, who m. Owen W. Allen; and *John*, who m. Mary, D. of John W. Slocomb of Sutton,) and d. there, 1842, aged 80.

BIGELOW, Dea. AMARIAH (s. of Samuel of Marlboro') and his wife, Lydia, D. of Thomas Brigham, were both from Marlboro', and m. there April 14, 1747; settled in the N. P. — deacon there, selectman, &c. She d. March 17, 1748. Leaving *Lydia*, b. on the first of that mo. His second wife was Sarah Eveleth of Stow, m. 1752. Chil. *Francis*, b. Aug. 20, 1753, and m. Levinah, D. of Ezra Beaman, Esq., Oct. 29, 1778; *Abel*, Jan. 27, 1755, and m. Martha, D. of Joseph Bigelow, Jr., 1778; *Amariah*, March 23, 1757; *Sarah*, Aug. 13, 1759, and sup. m. Rev. Eleazer Fairbank of the N. Parish, Oct. 3, 1781: *Levi*, March 31, 1762, and d. 1764; *Levi*, Aug. 27, 1765; *Elnathan*, Sept. 9, 1767. Dea. B. d. March 8, 1780, aged 58.

BIGELOW, Dr. AMARIAH, Jr. (s. of Dea.) m. Persis, D. of Ezra Beaman, Esq., 1781. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 22, 1781, and d. infant; *Ezra*, Nov. 27, 1782; *Persis*, Jnly 17, 1785.

BIGELOW, BENJAMIN (s. of John of Marlboro') and his wife, Levinah, D. of William Thomas, of Marlboro', had chil. *Levinah*, b. April 24, 1747; *William Thomas*, April 4, 1749; *Edmund*, Feb. 27, 1751.

Jabez Bigelow m. Deborah Knowlton, Oct. 5, 1761.

Miriam Bigelow m. Archelaus Anderson of Chester, May 30, 1765.

Mary Bigelow pub. to John Bixbee of Princeton, Feb. 3, 1769.

Sophia Bigelow m. Joseph Morse, May 4, 1780.

Amelia Bigelow m. George Witherby, New Braintree, 1783.

A wid. Mary Bigelow d. here May 14, 1752.

BRIARD, NICHOLAS and his wife, Lydia had chil. *Mirah*, bap. (also, Nicholas, the father,) Oct. 31, 1736; *Moses* and *Miriam*, twins, bap. Aug. 13, 1738; 2d *Moses*, bap. March 22, 1741; *Aaron*, b. 1743.

BALL, PHINEAS and his wife Martha had a child, *Daniel*, bap. June 6, 1742; the father was bap. at the same time.

BALL, DANIEL m. Lucy Newton, Oct. 25, 1749, lived in N. Parish, and d. 1813, aged 93. Chil. *Ithamar*, b. Sept. 10, 1750, and d. infant; *Moses*, Oct. 7, 1751; *Lucy*, Feb. 4, 1753; *Sarah*, May 1, 1760; *Nathan*, Aug. 5, 1762; *Thankful*, March 9, 1765. Daniel Ball, perhaps the above, m. Lydia Smith, Sept. 18, 1778.

BALL, ELIJAH, from Boylston, m. Olive, D. of Elzaphan Plympton, Dec. 1. 1818. She d. May 28, 1821, aged 25. Chil. *George Whitney*, b. July 8, 1819. He next m. Nancy, sis. of his late wife, Feb. 12, 1824. She d. Nov. 19, 1835, aged 35. He next m. Elizabeth, wid. of Lyman Plympton, bro. of his former wives, Jan. 16, 1836. He removed to Northboro', and there had a fourth wife.

BALL, NAHUM m. Clarinda, D. of David Dudly, Jan. 16, 1822.

JOHN BRIGHAM* (s. of John of Marlboro') and his wife, Susanna, were both admitted to the chh. here in 1737.

* Thomas Brigham and his wife, said to have been Mercie Hurd, were from England, and settled in Cambridge, then having a son, Thomas. There they had John, b. 1644, and Samuel in 1652. The father d. there Jan. 8, 1653. The widow, with her children next appear in Sudbury, where she m. Edmund Rice, March 1, 1655. He d. in Marlboro', May, 1663. She there next m. William Hunt, in 1664. He d. there, Oct. 1667, and she d. his widow, Dec. 23, 1693. John, whose wife was Sarah, had John, b. in Marlboro', 1680, who probably was the head petitioner for this township, and the same to whom was granted house lot, No. 14, in 1718. The records furnish no evidence of his residing here.

Samuel m. Elizabeth Howe in Marlboro', Nov. 1684.

She d. Feb. 12. 1761, aged 53. His death does not appear on record. Chil. *Deborah*, b. Dec. 11, 1737, and d. unm. Oct. 22, 1816, aged 79; *John*, July 25, 1739; *Samuel*, July 1, 1741; *Susanna*, July 15, 1745, and m. David Nelson, Sen., 1785.

BRIGHAM, JOHN, Jr. (s. of John and Susanna,) m. Zeruiah, D. of Eleazer Rice of Westboro', 1762. Chil. *Miriam*, Dec. 1762; *Eunice*, March 20. 1766; *John*, Dec. 26, 1767. This family is said to have removed to Gerry, now Phillipston.

BRIGHAM, SAMUEL (s. of John, Sen.) m. Rachel, D. of Phineas Underwood, of Westford, 1774, and d. Feb. 28, 1836, in his 95th year; his wife, Rachel, d. Dec. 21, 1810, aged 64. Child, *John*, b. March 22, 1788. The parents were admitted to the chh. in 1780.

BRIGHAM, JOHN (s. of Samuel) m. Sarah Fay of Northboro', Aug. 14, 1808. Chil. *Samuel Augustus*, b. Feb. 18, 1809, and m. Daphne Legget, and d. Oct. 1846; *Abraham Fay*, March 3, 1810; *Abigail Martyn*, Feb. 4. 1812, and m James S. Green of Millbury; *John*, June 29, 1818, and d. Nov. 1838; *Charles Taylor*, Oct. 14, 1826.

Thomas, the elder of the three brothers, m. Mary ——, (the record is, "Thomas Brigham and Mary, his wife, were married Dec. 27, 1665,") and had Nathan b. 1671, who m. Dinah Rice, Dec. 1717; Jonathan, b. 1674; David, in 1673, and Elnathan, in 1683.

David, whose first wife was Deborah ——, had John, b. 1704, whom I suppose to be the John above mentioned, but, of whose marriage with Susanna, I can find no account. David m. Mary Newton, his second wife, Oct. 21, 1709, (so is the Marlboro' rec. I had supposed his second wife was Mary Leonard,) and had Silas b. 1710, who m. Mindwell Grout in 1735. They were the parents of the late David Brigham of this town. David also had Levi (Col.) b. 1717, whose wife was Susanna Grout, m. June 6, 1745. They were the parents of the late Judge Elijah Brigham of Westboro', whose third wife was Sarah, D. of Gen. Artemas Ward, and of the late Winslow Brigham, of Northboro', who m. Alice, D. of Col. Job Cushing, 1781.

Judge Brigham d. at Washington, a mem. of Congress, Feb. 22, 1816, aged 64; his wid. Sarah, at Westboro', Feb. 3, 1833, aged 81. Winslow Brigham d. in Northboro', Sept. 4, 1837, aged 81, and his wid., Alice, Feb. 7, 1847, aged 90. Asa Brigham, who settled in this town, was a son of David and brother of Silas. He was b. Dec. 2, 1721. The first Thomas is supposed to have been the progenitor of all the Brighams in New England.

BRIGHAM, Capt. ASA (s. of David, of Westboro') m. Mary Newton of Westboro', Oct., 1744, and both admitted to the chh. here in 1747. He was the first Capt. of the South Militia Company in this town, (See page 37,) and removed about 1775, it is said, to Fitzwilliam. Chil. *Alpheus*, b. April 30, 1746, and m. Lydia Green, of Westboro', 1764; *Mary*, March 10, 1748; *Leonard*, May 7, 1750, and m. Mary, D. of Capt. Silas Witherby, 1774; *Levinah*, Feb. 21, 1752, and m. Antipass Harrington of Grafton, 1774; *Stephen*, May 13, 1754; *Elizabeth*, Sept. 26, 1756; *Asa*, Sept. 10, 1758; *Thankful*, June 13, 1760; *Lyman*, Nov. 19, 1762; *Josiah Newton*, March 30, 1765.

BRIGHAM, STEPHEN (from Westboro') and his wife, Jemima Snow, m. 1764, had chil. *Martha*, b. Sept. 9, 1766, and d. May 23, 1784; *Edmund*, Sept. 29, 1769; *Sarah*, Feb. 21, 1772; *Jabez*, Aug. 28, 1775; *Dolly*, July 10, 1777, and d. 1782; *Stephen*, Sept. 21, 1779; *Dolly*, Dec. 20, 1783.

BRIGHAM, DAVID (s. of Silas of Westboro') m. Mercy, D. of Dea. Benjamin Maynard, March 21, 1765. She, with her infant, d. Nov. 10, 1766, aged 22. He m. Martha Chamberlain of Westboro', Oct. 13, 1768; both ad. to chh. 1801. She d. Aug. 9, 1807, aged 59. Chil. *Nathaniel*, b. July 27, 1769; *Edmund Trobridge*, March 9, 1771; *Mercy*, June 10, 1773, and d. Aug. 28, 1776; *Prescott*, June 24, 1775, and d. Sept. 22, 1776; *David*, Aug. 6, 1777, and d. Aug. 26, 1780; *Prescott*, bap. April 16, 1780; *Martha*, b. March 6, 1782, and m. Balch Dean, Nov. 20, 1800; *Mercy*, March 21, 1784, and m. John Rider, 1806; *David*, Aug. 15, 1786, H. U. 1810. Counsellor at law, Greenfield, where he m. a D. of David Ripley; removed to this town; thence to Fitchburg; thence to Iowa, and d. there, say, 1843; *Ebenezer*, April 28, 1789; *Luther*, bap. June 10, 1791, and d. Aug. 29, 1793. He next m. Hannah Marcy of Brooklyn, Ct., 1809, and d. Sept. 27, 1824, aged 80. Mary Brigham, perhaps his sister, m. Jonathan Prescott, Jr. of Lancaster, Dec. 12, 1776. In the marriage

record, she is called of Shrewsbury, as was also Mindwell Brigham, who m. Nathaniel Lamson of Westboro', 1777, father of Silas Lamson, whose scythe snaiths and singularities have given him some notoriety. Jemima Brigham, b. in Westboro', 1737, sup. sister of David, and called of this town, m. Constantine Hardy, of Westboro', Jan. 25, 1763.

BRIGHAM, NATHANIEL (s. of David) m. Sarah, D. of John Mason, Sen. Nov. 21, 1799. Chil. *Luther*, b. Oct. 10, 1800; *Calvin*, May 23, 1802; he removed with his family to West Boylston, and d. there. May 20, 1846, aged 77.

BRIGHAM, EDMUND T. (s. of David) m. Lucy Davis of Ware. Chil. *Elijah Augustus*, b. in Westboro', June 20, 1804; *David Trobridge*, here, Aug. 5, 1806, and m. Ann Peck of Worcester, and removed there, and thence to the West; Elijah Augustus m. Elizabeth, D. of Thomas Witherby, Jr., May 17, 1825. Child, Susan Elizabeth, July 26, 1826; he removed to Philadelphia.

BRIGHAM, PRESCOTT (s. of David) m. Hannah, D. of Gideon Rider, April 6, 1814. Chil. *Ebenezer Prescott*, b. Sept. 8, 1818; *Martha Chamberlain*, Dec. 16, 1823. Removed to Wisconsin.

BRIGHAM, BENJAMIN, from Westboro', (s. of Dr. Gershom and Esther, who was s. of Gershom and Mary) with his wife, Lucy Hardy, m. 1803, lived here a few years, and d. Jan. 31, 1831, aged 51. Chil. *Loring*, b. 1804, and *Susan Lee*, 1806, in Westboro'; no record of any here. Susan Lee Brigham m. William H. Knowlton, 1828. Joseph Brigham, twin brother of Benjamin, b May 28, 1780, and his wife, Hannah Hardy, m. 1807, sis. of his bro. Benjamin's wife, also lived here a few years, and d. Feb. 29, 1836, aged 56. Chil. *Joseph Darwin*, 1807, and *William Belknap*, 1809, in Westboro'; none on rec. here.

BRIGHAM, Dr. ADOLPHUS from Southboro', m. Eliza Ann Parker of Southboro', 1828; next, Rebecca Whiting, D. of Thomas Knowlton, Jr.. 1832. Chil. *Frederic Adolphus*, April 1, 1835; *Franklin Whiting*, Sept. 13, 1841.

BURNS, OLIVER, from Ireland; wife, Margaret, had *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 14, 1708, in Ardstraw, in the County of Tyron in Ireland; such is the town rec. What became of them, or when here, is unknown.

BAKER, MARSHALL, and his wife, Thankful, D. of Obediah Ward, Jr. of Marlboro', m. March 21, 1734, were from Marlboro'. The birth of their s. *Sherubiah*, b. March 18, 1747, is all that denotes their having lived here; removed to Petersham or vicinity.

BAKER, JOHN, Jr. m. Persis, D. of John Wheeler, June 11, 1754. Chil. *Mary*, b. Aug. 26, 1754; *Thomas*, Nov. 2, 1757; *Hepzibah*, July 29, 1759.

BAKER, THOMAS, and his wife, Azubah were from Westboro'; where they had *Mary*, b. March 13, 1738, sup. m. George Earl of Leicester, April 26, 1757; *Catharine*, bap. here, May 21, 1740, and m. Elisha Keyes, July 19, 1757; his wife, Azubah, d. March 25, 1742. He next m. Eunice Chil. *Daniel*, b. 1751; *Asa*, May 25, 1754; *Reuben*, bap. March 14, 1756. He next m. Mary, D. of Elisha Newton, Sen., Feb. 22, 1768; and, in 1774, she m. Ezra Pond of Hubbardston.

BAKER, DANIEL (s. of Thomas) m. Deborah, D. of Solomon Rand, July 19, 1774, and d. Dec. 12, 1821, aged 70. Chil. *Ashbel*, b. Aug. 4, 1775, and m. Mary Wilson, April 22, 1802; *Anna*, Aug. 17, 1778, and m. Benjamin Angier, Jan. 27, 1801; *Azubah*, July 31, 1780, and m. John Wesson of Grafton, Dec. 16, 1805; *Artemas Dodge*, Jan. 20, 1783; *Abner*, Aug. 28, 1785; *Asa*, June 11, 1788; *Jasper Rand*, March 25, 1792, and m. Elizabeth W. Howard of Worcester, 1814.

BAKER, REUBEN (s. of Thomas) m. Miriam Smith, Oct. 15, 1778; and Charlotte, D. of Gideon Howe, Jan. 4, 1781. Chil. *Eunice*, b. June 27, 1781, and m. Elijah Hapgood, 1802; *Luke*, June 27, 1784; *Charlotte Howe*, Dec. 2, 1786. He m. Elizabeth Maynard of Harvard, 1789. Chil. *Miriam*, Feb. 3, 1791; *Jesse*, June 21, 1794; *Edith*, April 16, 1798. Elizabeth Baker, sup. wid. of Reuben, m. Lot Forbush of Westboro', Feb. 5, 1812.

BAKER, ARTEMAS D. (s. of Daniel) m. Prudence Howard of Worcester, 1813. Chil. *Artemas Dodge*, b. Dec. 27, 1813; *Deborah Rand*, April 16, 1815, d. Oct. 6, 1819; *Anna Angier*, Aug. 16, 1816; *Josiah W.*, April 18, 1826.

BAKER, ASA (s. of Daniel) m. Lucy Child, *Lucy Elliott*, b. June 8, 1817.

BAKER, BENJAMIN (g. s. of Joseph of Marlboro') m. Elizabeth Eames of Framingham, 1767. Chil. *John*, b. Dec. 29, 1768; *Lydia*, Nov. 24, 1770; *Elizabeth*, Dec. 22, 1772, and m. Roswell Temple, 1792; *Winslow*, bap. June 25, 1775. He m. Rebecca, May 14, 1777, wid. of Samuel Wesson, of Worcester Gore, who went from Maine through the woods with Arnold to Quebec, in 1775, and d. there of small pox. Chil. *Benjamin*, bap. March 1, 1778; *Sarah*, Dec. 13, 1779, and m. Jed. Tucker, Jr. 1797; 2d *Benjamin*, Feb. 3, 1782; *Hannah*, Aug. 18, 1783.

BAKER, JOHN (s. of Benjamin) m. Lydia, D. of Abel Goulding, Dec. 12, 1793, and d. Dec. 17, 1811, aged 43. His wid. Lydia, d. Sept. 27, 1818, aged 46. Chil. *Lucy*, Aug. 8, 1794, and m. Seth Wyman, Jr., Nov. 28, 1816; *Elizabeth*, July 6, 1797, and m. Nahum Nurse, Jan. 1, 1818; *Nancy*, May 3, 1803, and m. Joseph T. Turner of Worcester, May 21, 1826.

BAKER, JOSEPH, b. 1742, (s. of Robert, who had a twin brother, Benjamin, b. 1713, sons of Joseph of Marlboro',) m. Dinah, D. of Eleazer Rice of Westboro', Aug. 18, 1760. Chil. *Winslow*, b. April 10, 1761; *Joel*, June 13, 1762; *Amos*, Jan. 26, 1764; *Mary*, bap. Oct. 13, 1765.

BAKER, CORNELIUS and his wife, Esther, had *Mary*, b. May 22, 1766; *Esther*, Dec. 26, 1767.

BLAIR, WILLIAM, (probably one of the heirs of William, who were on house lot, No. 12, in 1729,) wife, Mary. Chil. a D. b. March 10, 1743; a s., June 19, 1745; and another D. — record torn and names lost.

BARBER, MATHEW, from Weston, m. Mary Blair, Jan. 21, 1727. Chil. *Mary*, bap. March 17, 1728; *Robert*, bap. Sept. 21, 1729; *Sarah*, bap. June 6, 1731; *Lydia*, bap. March 4, 1733.

BROWN, GEORGE and his wife, Eunice were from Waltham; lived on the road to Grafton, half a mile south of the turnpike road. His dwelling house burnt there, Aug. 1774. He d. 1807. His wid. Eunice, d. Nov. 10, 1824, aged 90. Chil. *George*, b. at Waltham, Dec. 27, 1765; *Elizabeth*, here, March 7, 1768, and m. Ebenezer Cutler of Grafton; *Eunice*, June 1, 1771, and m. Gould ; *Gershom*, May 16, 1774.

BROWN, GEORGE, Jr. (s. of George) m. Lois Whitney of Grafton, 1790, and d. Sept., 1845, aged 80. Chil. *Lois*, b. Aug. 5, 1792, and m. John Maynard, 1813; *Luke*, Sept. 20, 1793; *John*, Jan. 12, 1795; *Erminia*, June 17, 1796; *George*, at Warwick, Jan. 5, 1801; *Abigail*, at Springfield, Feb. 10, 1804; *Eunice*, at Longmeadow, July 6, 1806, and m. Ball; *Elizabeth*, here, March 4, 1809, and m. Cheney ; *Alexander*, July 2, 1811; *Otis*, Aug. 19, 1814, and d. 1816; *Edwin Otis*, Jan. 15, 1817.

BROWN, GERSHOM (s. of George) m. Edith Wyman of Roxbury. She d. Aug. 23, 1839, aged 76. Chil. *Edith*, b. Dec. 29, 1802; *Sarah Doubt*, March 30, 1807, and m. Edward Newton, 1830; and next, Harvey Carpenter.

BIXBY, NATHANIEL (sup. from Lancaster) m. Jerusha Houghton of Lancaster, 1742; chh. here, 1742. Chil. *Levi*, b. Aug. 17, 1743; *Elizabeth* and *Jerusha*, Aug. 14, 1746; *Zeruiah*, May 25, 1749; *Lois*, May 5, 1751; *Adonijah*, May 23, 1753; *Abigail*, Sept. 5, 1755; *Nathaniel*, July 30, 1758; *Eunice*, May 30, 1762.

BIXBY, DANIEL and his wife, Tabitha, had chil. *Eunice*, b. April 30, 1743; *Jonathan*, Dec. 15, 1744, and m. Esther Gale of Weston, June 1, 1768, and went to Winchendon; *Hannah*, Feb. 7, 1747; *Aaron*, May 21, 1749; *Daniel*, Feb. 2, 1751; *Sarah*, Feb. 8, 1753; and, perhaps, *Manassah*, who m. Elizabeth Dinsmore of Lancaster, 1765.

BIXBY, JOHN m. Elizabeth Floyd of Princeton, 1769. Chil. *William*, b. Feb. 5, 1770; *Tryphena*, Jan. 7, 1772; *Mary*, Aug. 4, 1774; *John*, Feb. 3, 1777.

BIXBY, JOSEPH m. Miriam Bryant of Lancaster, July 13, 1769. Chil. *Aaron*, b. Oct. 16, 1774; *Miriam*, Jan. 24, 1776. He is sup. to have m. Elizabeth Hadley of Sterling, 1784.

A Mary Bixby m. Joseph French, Jan. 2, 1746. The Bixby families lived in the N. Parish.

BUTLER, PETER and his wife, Sarah, D. of Dea. John Keyes, were from Marlboro'. Chil. *Mary*, b. there, and bap. here, Nov. 11, 1736. "No minister there;" "offered by the mother, the father having turned Quaker." *Ann*, bap. May 17, 1741. They then came here, and lived, it is said, on the place now of Capt. Isaiah Munroe. *Hannah*, b. April 12, 1742, and m. Moses Watkins of Winchester, N. H., 1761; *Experience*,

Feb. 20, 1744; *Lydia*, April 30, 1746; *Peter*, 1748; *Ebenezer*, Nov. 3, 1749; *Mary*, their eldest D. m. Israel Stowell of Winchester, 1764.

BUTLER, JOHN m. Susanna Oak of Westboro', 1754. Chil. *John*, b. Sept. 24, 1754; *Andrew*, June 13, 1756; *Elijah*, April 17, 1758, and d. 1759; *Susanna*, March 15, 1760; *Elijah*, July 24, 1762; *Sylvia*, bap. Aug. 1764, removed to Winchester, N. H., 1766.

BUSH, JOHN, b. July 8, 1699, (s. of Abiel, who m. Grace Barrett, both of Marlboro', June 27, 1688) was on house lot, No. 38, in 1729; wife, Martha Temple of Marlboro', m. April 24, 1723. He d. July 14, 1757, aged 58. Chil. *John*, b. Dec. 24, 1723, and d. infant; *Martha*, Nov. 2, 1724, and d. Aug. 26, 1736; *Persis*, bap. May 28, 1727, and m. Rev. Ebenezer Morse, 1745; *Jotham*, May 23, 1729; *Martha*, Jan. 13, 1738, and m. Cyprian Keyes, Jr., May 27, 1756.

BUSH, JOTHAM (s. of John) m. Hepzibah, D. of Dea. Cyprian Keyes, March 24, 1750. Chil. *Hepzibah*, b. Nov. 20, 1751, and m. Joseph Moor, Jr. of Lancaster, 1769; *David*, Aug. 19, 1753; *Jotham* and *John*, July 4, 1755; former d. infant; *Jotham*, April 8, 1757; *Persis*, March 8, 1759; *Lucy*, March 27, 1761, and m. Moses Fiske, 1781; *Levi*, March 26, 1763; *Jonathan*, Feb. 24, 1767, and d. 1771; *Martha*, March 1, 1772. His wid. Hepzibah m. Edward Raymond, 1779.

BUSH, Col. JOTHAM (s. of Jotham) m. Mary, D. of John Taylor of Northboro', June 28, 1781, and d. 1837, aged 80. Chil. *Mary*, who m. Elijah Brigham, Jr. of Westboro'; *Jemima*, who m. Thomas Bond; *Clarinda*, who m. Alexander Lovell; *Lucy*, who m. Augustine Holcomb, next, Rev. Bancroft Fowler; *Harriet*, who m. Oliver Sawyer, next, Ignatius Goulding; *Martha*, who m. Baxter Dickinson; *Jotham*, who m. Hannah Fisher; *John William*, who m. Lucy Delano.

Levi, brother of Col. Jotham, went to New York, had a family, and afterwards lived in Worcester. His D. Cornelia there m. Elnathan Pratt, and survived him.

BUSH, GEORGE, (colored) his wife, name not on rec., from S. America, lived in the "Gulf." He d. Feb. 24, 1767, possessed of some property in lands, aged 80. Chil. *George*, sup. killed at Lake George, Sept. 25, 1755; "*Susannah*, bap. 1741, then 19; *Ruth*, bap. 1741, then 17; *Joseph*, bap. 1742, then 17; *John*, bap. 1743, then 17 years of age; each upon their own profession of religion;" *Hannah*, who d. Sept. 29, 1781; *Sarah* and *Benjamin;* none of them, it is said, ever married.

BARNS, DANIEL, (s. of John, and g. s. of Richard, who was in Marlboro', 1660) chh. here, from chh. there, 1727; on house lot, No. 16, in 1729; wife, Zeruiah Eager, m. May 23, 1723, in Marlboro'. Chil. *Daniel;* *Lucy*, bap. Jan. 1726; *Frederic*, bap. Nov. 1727; *Zeruiah*, Nov. 1729, and d. 1730; *David*,* bap. June, 1731. The family returned to Marlboro', 1733.

* Grad. H. U. 1752; ord. minister of the Gospel in Scituate, Mass., Nov. 27, 1754; m. Rachel, 1756, D. of Hon. George Leonard of Norton; D. D., H. U., 1783, and d. April 26, 1811, in the 57th year of his ministry, having completed 80 years. His wife, Rachel, d. 1805, aged 78.

"Tolerant without religious indifference; candid, yet severe against folly and vice; connecting maxims of frugality, temperance and industry with his ideas of religion, he was popular with those capable of appreciating 'words so fitly spoken, as to resemble apples of gold in pictures of silver,' and his ministry quiet almost to the last. He was remarkable for his meekness in 'instructing those that opposed,' and by parables, rather than by direct argument, he was accustomed to converse with such. A neighbor, who was a Calvinist of the *straitest sect*, having frequently spent long sittings in arguing with Dr. Barns, was finally answered by the following parable:

'You, sir, are a gentleman, to whom the public feels and acknowledges much obligation for your mechanical skill and inventions. Now, we will suppose, that your powers should be so far increased, that you could make intelligent beings, and that you should produce thousands each day, formed with all the endowments of the human race. Then suppose that your neighbors should inquire what destination you proposed for these beings; and you should reply, that you had also prepared a place of torment to which you proposed to condemn the greater part, not for any personal offence against you, but, because you had made them for that end, — and that the remaining few you had destined, in the same arbitrary manner, to another place of perfect happiness, which you had also prepared. Now, sir, suppose your neighbors were furnished with the common sense of mankind, concerning justice and goodness in the administration of one being, who has a controlling

BELLOWS, JOHN, Jr.* of Southboro', (s. of John) m. Susannah, D. of Samuel Whitney, Oct. 4, 1768; and lived in Southboro' until about the year 1784, when he settled here on the place that was *her* father's. She d. there Feb. 1, 1805, aged 57; and he, March 6, 1826, aged 81. Chil. The birth of but one on rec. here. The others b. in Southboro', and perhaps not in the order here placed. *Martha*, who m. Nahum Newton, 1792; *Chloe*, who m. Pelatiah Allen of Holden, June 11, 1800; *Lucy*, who m. Oliver Torrey of Killingsly, Ct., March 15, 1809; *Anna*, who m. Dr. Jacob Kittridge of Spencer, June 12, 1799, (and survived him; he d. 1807, and she returned here with two sons, Justus and Otis) *Moses*, *Lyscom*, *John*, b. Feb. 21, 1785.

BELLOWS, MOSES (s. of John) m. Relief, D. of Jonathan Newton, 1804, and d. Dec. 22, 1831, aged 52, and his wid. Relief, April 5, 1835, aged 60. Chil. *Roxa*, b. June 26, 1804; *Rhoda*, March 26, 1806; *Robert*, Nov. 14, 1807, and d. Feb. 21, 1834, aged 26; *Rinda*, Sept. 10, 1809; *Rena*, Sept. 1, 1815, and d. Oct. 22, 1821; *Rilla*, Aug. 15, 1817.

power over other beings, would they not knock your shop down, and say that such a wicked trade should not go on?'

"His discourses were *clusters of maxims.*" "The writer of this (Deane) can never forget the charge given by the venerable Doctor to him, when ordained his colleague. It was full of pointed sayings like the following: 'In attempting to instruct your people, be careful not to preach what they will not understand, and especially careful not to preach what you don't understand yourself.'"

"Solomon, a brother of Dr. Barns, deceased in Marlboro', Dec. 1830, being 90 years of age, on the 20th of June, 1830." *History of Scituate, by Rev. Samuel Deane.*

* John Bellows and Mary Wood of Concord, were m. 9, 3, 1655. They removed to Marlboro', where he d. in 1683, and his wid. Mary, in 1707. They had John b. in Marlboro', 1666, whose wife was Hannah. She d. in 1719. He probably m. Mary Wheeler of Concord, Dec. 1721. He was living in Southboro', in 1749, and in that year, having previously provided for his son, John, b. 1698, he conveyed all his real estate to his sons, Joseph, b. 1711, and Moses, 1713, "in equal halves," but "undivided."

"A descendant of one of these settled in Walpole, N. H., and left the family name perpetuated there in what has long been known as '*Bellows' Falls.*'" The latter John m. Elizabeth Allen of Hopkinton, in 1723, and probably was the father of John, who settled in this town, and who, in the record of his marriage here, was called John Bellows, Jr. of Southboro'.

BELLOWS, LYSCOM (s. of John) m. Lydia Gardner, D. of Jacob Albertson, 1805, and removed to R. I.

BELLOWS, JOHN, Jr. (s. of John) m. Eunice Willard of Worcester, 1806, and d. here, Sept. 18, 1817, aged 32. Chil. *John Willard*, b. April 6, 1807, sup. afterwards changed to *Alexander* Willard; *Samuel Austin*, May 4, 1809; *Luther* and *Lucretia*, Dec. 3, 1810. She m. Ephraim Wesson, s. of Abel, May 2, 1829; *Leonard Henry*, Feb. 8, 1813; *James Newell*, Feb. 19, 1815.

BELLOWS, ALEXANDER W. (s. of John, Jr.) m. Elizabeth G. Pond of Franklin, 1831. Child, *Elizabeth G.*, b. May 22, 1833.

BELLOWS, STEPHEN, from Southboro', m. Abigail P., D. of Nathan Muzzy, (deceased) Jan. 14, 1817. Chil. No births on rec. *Henry*, who d. Oct. 1, 1821, aged 4 years; *Mary*, who d. the next day, aged 2 years; 2d *Mary*, d. July 11, 1826, aged 4 years.

BROOKS, NOAH (set off with his farm to Grafton, 1741) whose wife was Sarah, had *Mary*, b. Jan. 29, 1737.

BREWER, WILLIAM, from Waltham, m. Elizabeth Ball of Watertown, Feb. 3, 1731, and came here about 1743, with a family. Chil. *Elizabeth* and *William*. He next m. Abigail Garfield of Watertown, April 10, 1735. Chil. *Abigail; Sarah*, b. June 7, 1744; *Benjamin*, April 15, 1747; *Isaac*, Sept. 8, 1749; *Abigail* and *Jonas*, Dec. 4, 1751; *Elizabeth*, June 6, 1754, and m. Joseph Garfield of Warwick, 1778. The two last daughters were named for the two first, who were drowned on the 22d day of Oct., 1751, at Lancaster, "in a saw mill pond," says the chh. record; the eldest 19, and the other 16 years of age. The parents did not remove their chh. relationship to this place until 1771, and then from Waltham, yet all the children b. after 1743, were bap. here soon after their respective births.

BREWER, WILLIAM, Jr. (s. of William) m. Mary, D. of Edward Goodale, Nov. 22, 1764. He, and perhaps his father, lived on the place now of Daniel Noyes. Child, *Libbeus*, bap. June 25, 1775; removed, sup. to Royalston.

BALDWIN, HENRY and his wife, Abigail Butler, were from Pelham, N. H., where his father, Henry, previously of Woburn, d. 1753, leaving a wid. Mary, formerly Mary Richardson.* They came here with a family about 1756, and settled on the place now of Jason Bullard, where he kept a public house. Both admitted to chh. here in 1773; his wife from the chh. in Nottingham West, N. H. His mother, having m. a second husband, Col. John Jones of Hopkinton, and survived him, came here, and resided with her son. She d. here, Oct. 25, 1798, in her 105th year. When 100 years old, the Rev. Dr. Sumner took her to a sleigh ride.

Abigail, the wife of Henry Baldwin, d. May 23, 1777, aged 57. Chil. *Mary*, who m. Elisha Ward, April 7, 1763, and d. in Petersham, 1811, aged 68; *Zeruiah*, who m. Jonathan Heywood, Jr. of Concord, Nov. 7, 1771; *Abigail*, who m. Dr. Abraham Holland, s. of James, June 2, 1784, and removed to Walpole, N. H.; *Relief*, who m. Capt. William Hammond of Newton, Nov. 12, 1778, and removed to Bangor in 1808; *Henry; Lucretia*, b. Nov. 12, 1756, m. Jonas Stone of Leicester, (now of this town, and both living, Jan. 1847) June 1, 1784; *Thaddeus*, Dec. 7, 1758; *Life*, April 25, 1763; *Tilly*, Aug. 10, 1770, and d. Aug. 1775. The second wife of Henry Baldwin was Martha, wid. of Ebenezer Abbott. He survived her, and d. Nov. 17, 1789, aged 72.

* They had an only D., Mary, who m. April 8, 1745, Rev. Abner Bayley, (s. of Joshua of Newbury, Mass.) grad. H. U. 1736, and ord. first minister of Salem, (N. H.) 1740. She d. Feb. 18, 1789; he d., in the ministry, March 10, 1798. Their chil. were, 1. Mary, wife of William White of Plaistow, (N. H.) and, afterwards, of Dea. Webster of Haverhill, Mass.; 2. Elizabeth, wife of Henry Little of Salem, (N. H.) 3. Lavinia, wife of Rev. William Kelley of Warner, (N. H.) 4. Sarah.

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Henry, father of Henry, who d. in 1753, was son of Henry of Woburn, who m. Phebe Richardson, Dec. 1, 1649, and had seven children, whose births are recorded there. The name of Baldwin is very ancient, and may be traced back to the 7th century, when it was *Baldwinus*.

BALDWIN, Capt. HENRY, Jr. (s. of Henry) m. Azubah, D. of Elisha Keyes, Nov. 5, 1786, and d. Dec. 28, 1789, aged 36. Chil. *Mary*, b. July 2, 1787, and m. Moses Gill of Princeton, 1810; *Henry*, Oct. 5, 1788; *Nathan*, Sept. 24, 1790.—His wid. Azubah m. Capt. Ashbel Smith, April 23, 1805.

BALDWIN, THADDEUS (s. of Henry, Sen.) m. Abigail, D. of Col. Asa Rice, March 2, 1784. Chil. *Tilly*, b. Aug. 3, 1784; *Loammi*, Aug. 1, 1786. He removed with his family to Gerry, now Phillipston.

BALDWIN, LIFE (s. of Henry, Sen.) m. Mary Holland of Petersham, and settled, it is said, in Townsend.

BALDWIN, HENRY (s. of Capt. Henry) m. Mary, D. of Capt. Luther Goddard, Oct. 11, 1812. Chil. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. March 13, 1813, and d. unm. 1846; *Harriet Azubah*, May 30, 1816; *Angeline Augusta*, April 26, 1819, and m. Oliver B. Sawyer of Berlin; *Charles Henry*, Jan. 8, 1823, and m. Harriet H. Grosvenor, 1846; *Catharine Maria*, Feb. 20, 1825.

BALDWIN, Capt. NATHAN (s. of Capt. Henry) m. Elizabeth Denny, D. of Thomas W. Ward, Esq., May 26, 1817. Chil. *Catharine Maria Ward*, b. Jan. 6, 1818, and m. Thomas Lyon of Northboro', May 1, 1828; *Henry Walter*, Jan. 5, 1820; *Charles Smith*, March 22, 1823, and d. 1824; *James*.

BANNISTER, NATHAN (s. of Joseph of Brookfield, who was s. of Christopher of Marlboro', and he the s. of Nathan, Jr., whose parents, Nathan and Mary, were in Charlestown, 1669. Christopher d. in 1678) m. Sarah, D. of Daniel Whitney, Dec. 17, 1769, and lived upon the place in the S. W. part of now Boylston, that was previously her father Whitney's, where he d. Aug. 1825, aged 78. His wife, Sarah, d. June, 1817, aged 68. Chil. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 18, 1770, and m. Elizabeth Stone of Framingham, and d. in N. J., about 1817; *Thankful*, March 28, 1773, and m. Thomas Harlow, 1798; *Nathan*, Jan. 7, 1775;

Daniel, Feb. 13, 1777, and m. Anna, D. of Caleb Drury, July 2, 1798, and removed to Gardner; *Sarah*, Nov. 20, 1778, and m. Arunah Harlow, 1799; *Seth*, Nov. 3, 1780, and m. Mary Hastings, whose chil. were Mary, Eli and Lucy; *John*, Sept. 23, 1783, and m. Lucy, D. of Nathan Howe, Esq., and d. May 5, 1822, aged 40; *Luke*, March 16, 1786, and d. 1802; *Mary*, Sept. 29, 1788, and m. Nathan R. Tilton; *Emery*, Sept. 29, 1791, and m. Lucy, D. of Joel Drury, 1821. She d. Dec. 29, 1834 aged 43. His second wife was Melinda, D. of Abijah Drury.

BANNISTER, NATHAN (s. of Nathan) went to Southboro', and m. Sarah, D. of Benjamin Champney, s. of Maj. Jonathan, where he d. Sept. 5, 1846, aged 72. His wife, Sarah, d. Sept. 23, 1840, aged 60. Chil. *George S.*, *Samuel*, *Charles*, *Ann*, *Emery*, *Selucas*, *Nancy H.* and *Maynard*; all b. in Southboro', between 1801 and 1821.

BEAMAN, EZRA, Esq. (s. of Capt. Jabez, who was one of the selectmen, 1753 and 4; and d. here, 1757, aged 53; sup. from Lancaster*) m. Persis, D. of Dea. Cyprian Keyes, June 1, 1758. Chil. *Levinah*, b. Dec. 8, 1759, and m. Francis Bigelow of Boston, 1778; *Persis*, April 1, 1762, sup. m. Dr. Amariah Bigelow, 1781; *Jabez*, Dec. 1, 1764; *Elizabeth*, June 12, 1767; *Ezra*, Dec. 27, 1770.

BEAMAN, EPHRAIM (sup. brother of Ezra) m. Tamar Howe of Lancaster, 1764. Chil. *Silas*, b. April 7, 1765. Ezra and Ephraim held town offices here before and at the time the

* Gamaliel Beaman, whose wife was Sarah, had Noah, b. in Lancaster, 3, 2 mo., 1661, and Thankful, April 18, 1663; and John, whose wife was Priscilla. They had Sarah, b. in Lancaster, Jan 25. 1681, and Gamaliel Feb. 29, 1684.

Thomas Beaman, whose wife was Elizabeth, had Elizabeth, b. 1679; Eleazer, 1683; Sarah, 1685; and Abraham, 1692; all in Marlboro'. Abraham Beaman, last named, whose wife was Mary, had several chil, among them, Noah, b. 1730, in Marlboro'; who may have been the following, with a different spelling of the name.

Noah Beam*ont* m. Lydia Howe in Marlboro', 1755, and had eight chil. b. there previous to 1770. Of his sons, were Abraham, Noah, Aaron and Samuel.

town was divided. They lived in the W. part of the North Parish. There was an Ephraim Beaman living in Northboro' prior to 1744.

BOYNTON, EPHRAIM, Jr. and his wife, Abigail, had *David Emery*, b. Sept. 24, 1757; *Sarah*, July 22, 1759.

BOYNTON, JOHN, pub. to, and perhaps m., Elizabeth Jewett of Lancaster, June, 1761. She probably d. soon after, for he m. Elizabeth Beaman of Lancaster, Dec. 1762. Chil. *Jewett*, b. Sept. 4, 1763; *Ephraim*, Nov. 30, 1764; *Beaman*, Sept. 4, 1767.

BACHELLER, JONATHAN and his wife, Elizabeth, from Upton, had *Hannah*, b. Nov. 29, 1777. Returned to Upton.

BRITTON, SAMUEL, Jr. (from Southboro') m. Ruth, D. of Stephen Parker, Oct. 8, 1768. Chil. *Mary*, b. June 18, 1769, and m. Calvin Sawyer, 1793; *Levinah*, April 19, 1771; *Phebe*, Jan. 25, 1773; *Luther*, July 11, 1775; *Ruth*, Aug. 28, 1777. He deserted his wife, children and country; went to the enemy, and was heard of no more. His wid. or wife m. Aaron Wheeler, Nov. 14, 1784.

A John Britton of Northboro', m. Esther, D. of Edward Newton, April 14, 1762; and William Britton of Rutland, m. Lydia, D. of Samuel Whitney, Nov. 3, 1767. The three may have been brothers.

BALCOM, HENRY, from Sudbury, and his wife, Keziah had *Relief*, bap. April 8, 1770.

"The mother ad. to chh. here, 1773," "and dis. 1774, with Luke Knowlton and Sarah, his wife, John Wheeler and Jedidah, his wife, and Hezekiah Taylor, at their request, and recommended to the covenanting brethren in Newfane, in order to be formed into a chh. state there, where the said Mr. Taylor is pastor elect." Taylor, grad. H. U. 1770; d. in the ministry at Newfane, 1814. He is said to have come from Grafton.

BRUCE, SIMEON m. Esther, D. of Thomas Harrington, Oct. 21, 1776. Chil. *Abigail*, bap. Jan. 4, 1778; *Esther*, bap. Oct. 21, 1787. He removed to Templeton or vicinity, and was killed in Rutland, 30 years or more since, by falling from his wagon, the wheels of which passed over him. A monument by the way side, once, perhaps yet, marks the spot.

BRUCE, JONATHAN and his wife, Anna Gibson of Hopkinton, came here, without children, from Northboro', a few years before his death, which occurred, Oct. 5, 1803; his age was 52. His wid. Anna, d. March 16, 1823, aged 77.

BOND, JONATHAN, Jr. m. Lucy, D. of Robert Andrews, Sen., 1784; lived in North Parish. Dea. and Rep.; he d. Sept. 3, 1821; his wife, Lucy, Oct. 14, 1817. Chil. *Joseph*, (the only one now, 1846, living) b. Nov. 20, 1784; *Lucy*, Dec. 8, 1786; *Lucinda*, May 5, 1790; *Joanna Hurd*, Jan. 11, 1792; *Eli*, May 28, 1794; *Eliott*, June 29, 1797; *Ruth Tyler*, Nov. 10, 1801.

BOND, CHAUNCY, from Brookfield, m. Frances Rhoda, D. of Samuel Bullard, April 5, 1830, and d. April 29, 1833, aged 31; and his wid., May 7, 1835, aged 30; both of consumption. There is not, on the town record, the birth or death of any one of the name of Bond, except this family, prior to 1840. The account of the one preceding it was obtained from another source.

BROCAS, JOHN (a foreigner) m. Ruth, D. of Joseph Hastings, April 18, 1784. Chil. *Martha Symms*, b. May 21, 1785, and m. Isaiah Fairbank, Jr. of Grafton, 1802; *Mary Kneeland*, Dec. 13, 1786; *John Hastings*, April 30, 1789.

BILLINGS, SYLVANUS, (s. of Thomas, of Northboro') with a family of adult chil., came from that town to this, and resided here a few years, on the farm he purchased of the late Josiah Howe, Esq. The house, then standing a few rods east of

the house, now of Elisha Davis, has long since been removed. Of his chil., *Sylvanus* m. Sarah, D. of Col. Seth Wyman, and removed to N. H., and *Catharine* m. Caleb Tucker, 1797. The family left town soon after the year 1800.

BULLARD, SAMUEL, with his wife, Abigail, and family, came here from Lancaster, about 1802, and purchased of Aaron Smith the Baldwin Place, so called, and d. Sept. 1, 1830, from an injury received in overturning of his wagon, aged 64. Chil. The three first b. in Lancaster; *Amy*, b. June 18, 1787, and m. John G. Morse of Boylston, 1813; *Dolly*, Feb. 13, 1794, and m. Joseph Morse, Jr. of West Boylston, May 29, 1822; *Jason*, July 11, 1797; *Frances Rhoda*, Oct. 9, 1805, and m. Chauncy Bond, April 5, 1830.

BULLARD, JASON (s. of Samuel) m. Sarah, D. of Jonas Stone, (deceased) June 3, 1823. She d. July 10, 1844, aged 45. Chil. (No births on record) *George*, *Charles*, *John*, *Sarah Maria*, *Samuel*, *Elizabeth* and *Harriet Ellen*.

BOYD, BETHUEL, from Medway, about 1824, purchased of Dea. Braggs' heirs, the place where the Rev. John Miles now lives, and to whom he sold it. He afterwards bought and lived on the Lewis Eager farm, where he d. May 26, 1836, aged 70. Chil. (but perhaps not in this order) *Mary*, who m. Benjamin Maynard, Jr., 1828; *Susan*; *John*, who d. unm. Oct. 30, 1844, aged 45; *Hannah*, who m. Capt. Leander Fales, 1829; and *Sarah*.

BLISS, JOHN m. Lydia, D. of Abijah Garfield, July 18, 1816. Chil. *Margaret Aurelia*, b. April 18, 1817, and m. G. B. Deering of North Brookfield, June 28, 1839, and have Anna Maria, Samuel Edmands and Henry Bliss; *Augustine Burke*, Oct. 8, 1818; *Sarah Maria*, Sept. 17, 1820, and d. 1821; *Sarah Maria*, Feb. 7, 1823, and m. Joseph W. Cary, June 13, 1843.

BLAKE, JASON, from Worcester, with a family, resided here a few years and left; while here, his D. *Hannah* m. Hosea Stoddard of Watertown, Nov. 22, 1819; and his s. *Jason* m. Harriet, D. of Peter Cary, Dec. 12, 1822.

BRANCH, ELDER NICHOLAS (Baptist Clergyman) lived here a short period of time, in which he lost two children, viz: *Sarah*, Sept. 6, 1821, aged 2 years, and an infant in Oct. following.

BARTLETT, JOTHAM, with his w., Catharine Rice, and a family, came here from Northboro', about 1825. He d. May 14, 1835, aged 53. Chil. *Lucy*, who m. Stephen H. Gleason of Rutland; *Abigail*, who m. Stillman Smith; *Benjamin*; *William*, who m. Charlotte L., D. of Isaac Harrington, (and have Clarendon Augustus and Nancy Maria) *Elizabeth Smith*, b. April 23, 1816; *Solomon*, Aug. 10, 1820; *Henry*, Feb. 19, 1823; *Albert*, Sept. 2, 1828; *Harriet*, Oct. 9, 1830.

BAIRD, LEWIS (from Worcester, with a family, and living in the S. W. part of the town) was killed by the falling of a tree, Dec. 28, 1831, aged 49. He had been here but a short time.

CUSHING, Rev. JOB,* b. at Hingham, July 19, 1694; grad. H. U., 1714; ord. here, first minister of Shrewsbury, Dec. 4, 1723; m. Mary, D. of Rev. John Prentice † of Lancaster,

* Third son of Matthew Cushing, Jr., who m. Jael, D. of Capt. John Jacobs of Hingham, Dec 31, 1683, and d. June 23, 1715. His wife, Jael, d. Dec. 1708. Matthew was the second son of Matthew Cushing, who m. Nazareth Pitcher, in Norfolk, England, and arrived at Boston, with his wife and five children, in the ship The Diligent, John Martin, of Ipswich, master, on the 10th of Aug., 1638, and settled in Hingham, where he d. Sept. 30, 1660; and his wid., Nazareth, Jan. 6, 1681, aged 96. Matthew, last named, was son of Peter Cushing.

Family Record of Thomas P. Cushing, Esq. of Boston.

† This name is spelt Prentice and Prentiss. The latter mode is adhered to by many of the name; and, among them, by the Hon. Prentiss Mellen, late Chief Justice of the S. J. C., Me., a relative of Rev. John Prentice of Lancaster. There is reason to suppose it was originally Prentiss, and that it has undergone a change

March 16, 1727, and lived on house lot, No. 22, "granted to the first minister," which, with other grants made to him, contained some of the best land in the town. He d. Aug. 6, 1760, aged 66. His wid., Mary, d. May 24, 1798, aged 90. Chil. *Job*, b. Jan. 1, 1728; *Jacob*, Feb. 17, 1730; *Mary*, Jan. 25, 1731, and d. April 1, 1740; *Bridget*, Dec. 4, 1734, and d. April 6, 1740; *John*, Sept. 10, 1737, and d. April 1, 1740; *Mary*, March 24, 1741, and m. Rev. Nathan Stone of Yarmouth, now Dennis, Cape Cod, Oct. 17, 1765. (Their chil. were Nathan, b. Aug. 1766, who had three sons, who were lost between Cape Cod and Boston, in 1814; Mary, Job Cushing, and Nathaniel, minister of Windham, Me.) *John*, Aug. 22, 1744; *Bridget*, Sept. 12, 1746, and d. June 26, 1769.

CUSHING, Col. JOB (s. of Rev. Job) m. Lucy, D. of Isaac Stone of Framingham, Feb. 20, 1752; both admitted to chh. here, 1753; she d. March 25, 1790, aged 64. Chil. *Lydia*, b. Feb. 12, 1753, and m. Nathaniel Stearns of Paxton, Dec. 15, 1774, and next, Jonas Lamb, and d. in Newfane, 1835, aged 82; *Lucy*, Jan. 5, 1755, and m. Jonas Stone, then of Charlton, (now, 1847, of this town) 1781; *Alice*, Feb. 23, 1757, and m. Winslow Brigham of Northboro', Oct. 25, 1781; *Emery*, Sept. 13, 1759, and d. July 21, 1775; *Elmer*, June 27, 1762; *Job*, March 1, 1765; *Bridget*, May 16, 1769, and m. Josiah Stone, 1791. He next m. Sarah, wid. of Col. Goulding of Grafton, May 17, 1792, and d. April 16, 1808, aged 80.

by lopping off the first syllable of *apprentice;* a clipping not uncommon in speaking that word at the present day. Ancient records show, that our ancestors spelt other men's names, if not their own, by the rule of *pronunciation*. Hence, names have multiplied by variation, and the wants of the community are likely to be supplied in that way for time to come, to distinguish the rapidly increasing families that are spreading over the land.

The wife of the Rev. John Prentice of Lancaster was Mary, wid. of the Rev. John Gardner, his predecessor in the ministry, in Lancaster, who was shot, in the night of the 26th October, 1704, being mistaken for one of the Indian enemy, and d. at the age of 30. I have said *predecessor*, for although he had not been ordained, he had preached there, says Whitney, several years, and was, at the time of his death, the pastor elect.

CUSHING, ELMER (s. of Col. Job) m. Lydia, D. of Joseph Hastings, June 5, 1783. Chil. *John Prentiss*, b. Oct. 23, 1783; *Artemas*, Jan. 31, 1786. He removed, with his family, to Canada, and d. in Stanstead.

CUSHING, JOB, Jr. (s. of Col. Job) m. Sarah, D. of Col. Asa Rice, Sept. 2, 1790. Chil. *Lucy*, b. Jan. 14, 1791; *Hezekiah Rice*, May 13, 1792; *Elizabeth*, March 18, 1794; *Emery*, Nov. 21, 1796. He also removed to Canada with his family, and d. in Montreal, Jan. 2, 1821, aged 56.

CUSHING, Rev. JACOB (s. of Rev. Job) grad. H. U., 1748; ord. Minister of the Gospel in Waltham, 1752; D. D., H. U., 1807; m. Anna, D. of Rev. Wareham Williams of Waltham, Nov. 8, 1753, and d. there, Jan. 1809, aged 79. Chil. *Wareham*, b. 1754, and d. in Waltham, 1806; *Williams*, 1755; *Prentiss*, 1757, and d. at Demarara; *Anna*, 1759; *Abigail*, 1761, and m. Col. Russell of Stow; *Leonard*, 1763, and d. young; *Bridget*, 1770, and d. unm., 1846; *Leonard*.

CUSHING, Rev. JOHN (s. of Rev. Job) grad. H. U., 1764; ord. Minister of the Gospel in Ashburnham, Nov. 2, 1768; D. D., H. U., 1822, m. Sarah, D. of Rev. Ebenezer Parkman of Westboro', Sept. 28, 1769, and d. April 27, 1823, aged 79. His wid., Sarah, d. March 12, 1825, aged 82. Chil. *John*, b. Aug. 17, 1771, and m. Julia Keith of Bridgewater, and d. in Boston, May 17, 1806; *George Augustus*, 1773, and m. Hannah B. Keith, and d., Aug. 8, 1810; *Henry*, 1774, and d., 1839; *Mary*, 1782, and m. Elisha Coolidge, and next, Rev. Asa Rand; *Thomas Parkman*, Oct. 7, 1787, and m. Sarah B. Sigourney, 1802; she d. 1825; he next m. Martha Ann Sigourney, D. of Hon. John Cargill of Virginia, 1831. She d. in Boston, 1840. He next m. Sarah Thompson, D. of Rev. Francis Wayland of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; lives in Boston, and furnished much of this information respecting his uncle Jacob's family, his father's, and his own.

CHILD, DAVID (chh. 1727; perhaps one of "the heirs of Daniel Child," * who were on house lot, No. 32, in 1729) m. Grace Brown of Watertown, Oct. 26, 1737. Chil. *Bulah*, b. June 4, 1739, and m. Samuel Lee of Rutland, Feb. 27, 1766; *Susanna*, June 1, 1741; *David*, Jan. 30, 1745. His next wife was Mehitable Richardson of Worcester, m. Nov. 29, 1759. Chil. *Zachariah*, b. Nov. 19, 1763, and m. Lydia Bigelow of Worcester, 1784; *Amos*, Aug. 27, 1765.

CHESNUT, WILLIAM m. Huldah, D. of Elisha Maynard, Nov. 4, 1754. Child, *Mary*, b. Jan. 16, 1755. His wid. m. Ephraim Allen of Rutland, July 12, 1757.

CROSBY, JOHN, from Billerica; one of the founders of the chh. here in 1723, (s. of Samuel, and g. s. of Simon and Anna, who were in Cambridge in 1637, and were among the first settlers of Billerica, about 1653) m. Bathsheba Newton, in Marlboro', Jan. 23, 1721. Lived on house lot, No. 13, in 1729, and d. here, Dec. 5, 1738, aged 43, and 8 mos. They had no children. Perhaps it was his wid., Bathsheba, who m. Jonathan Foster, Aug. 2, 1741.

CROSBY, SAMUEL, also from Billerica, (bro. of John) and one of the founders of this chh.; m. Dorothy Brown of Billerica, 1729, and lived on house lot, No. 8, in 1729; he d. Jan. 23, 1749, aged 50. Chil. *Samuel*, b. Feb. 2, 1732; *Sarah*, April 21, 1734, and m. Robert Cook of Westboro', Feb. 6, 1750; *Jabez*, b. Feb. 7, 1736; (and went to Brookfield, and there had Jabez; Oliver, afterwards Col. and Senator; and Amos) *Elisha*, b. Jan. 10, 1738; *Silas*, Dec. 9, 1740, and m. Rebecca Forbes of Westboro', July 8, 1763, and went to Wilmington, Vt., and d. since 1820; *Abigail*, b. Dec. 22, 1742; *Aaron*, b. Nov. 27, 1744; *Hannah*, Aug. 29, 1747, and m. —— Spring of Uxbridge, and next, Col. Fletcher of Northbridge. Dorothy, wid. of Samuel Crosby, m. Jonathan Wood

* Son of John, of Watertown.

of Upton, and removed to Spencer, and d. there, 1781, and Jonathan Wood in 1796, aged 94.

CROSBY, Dr. SAMUEL (s. of Samuel) m. Azubah, D. of James Howe of Westboro', 1753; chh. 1754; Surgeon in the Army of the Revolution, Magistrate, &c.; lived in S. E. part of the town, on "Boston Hill." Chil. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 24, 1754, and m. Stephen Bailey of Bolton, Feb. 8, 1779, and d. there, 1812, aged 58; *Samuel*, Sept. 12, 1756, grad. H. U., 1777; chh. 1779; settled in Charlestown, N. H., and d. 1802; *Simon*, Sept. 13, 1758, and m.; had a family in Winchendon; removed to Cambridge, N. Y., and d. there, 1818; *Dorothy*, b. Aug. 26, 1760, and m. Dr. Israel Whiton of Winchendon, Oct. 28, 1784, and d., his wid. in Antrim, N. H., 1826;* *John*, b. Oct. 1, 1762, and d. infant; *Eusebia*, Aug. 23, 1763, and m. Dr. Royal Humphrey of Athol, and d. 1833; *Otis*, b. Jan. 15, 1766; grad. D. C., 1791; invited to a pastoral charge at New Gloucester, Me., but d. before ordination, and unm., 1795; *John*, b. Oct. 18, 1767, and settled in Montpelier, Vt., and d. there about 1822; *Arethusa*, bap. April 25, 1773, and m. Thomas Wilder of Winchendon, removed to Dixmont, Me., and d. there, 1841; *Sophia*, bap. July 9, 1775, and m. Daniel Spooner of Hartland, Vt., and d. about 1830.

Dr. Crosby removed from this town to Winchendon in 1781; thence, in 1811, to Montpelier, Vt., and d. there, Dec. 11, 1814, aged 83; his wid., Azubah, d. there, Oct. 14, 1818, aged 85.

CROSBY, ELISHA (s. of Samuel, Sen.) m. Tabitha Harrington of Worcester, and removed to Petersham; returned here about 1779, and lived on the place that his brother, Dr. Samuel Crosby, left; where he and his wife d. of small pox, 1792; his age 54. Chil. *Frederick*, b. April 8, 1764; *Thomas*, Sept., 1765, and went to New London, thence to Lyme, Ct., where he

* Where her son, the Rev. John M. Whiton, is settled in the ministry; to whom, and to Elisha Crosby of Ashburnham, I am indebted for some particulars of the Crosby family after they removed from this town.

d., leaving a family; *Lucy*, b. July 28, 1767, and m. Moses Coolidge of Berlin, 1795, and d. there, 1844, aged 77; *Mary*, Aug. 10, 1769, and m. Moses Pollard of Berlin, 1793, and removed to Albany; *Leonard*, July 10, 1771, and m. twice, and d. at his son's, in the N. part of Ohio; *Walter*, b. Sept. 30, 1773; *Gardner*, Aug. 28, 1775, and m., and lived in Boston a few years, and d. at the South; *Fanny*, Aug. 3, 1779, and m., and d. in Woodstock, Vt.; *Henrietta*, Sept. 6, 1781, and m. Joseph Anthony of Sherburne, Vt.

CROSBY, AARON, (s. of Samuel, Sen.) chh. 1764; grad. H. U., 1770, m. Mary Taylor of Grafton, Aug. 22, 1774. He was a missionary to the Indians, and afterwards settled in the ministry, in Dummerston, Vt., where he d., 1824, aged 80.

CROSBY, FREDERICK (s. of Elisha) m. Martha, D. of John Maynard, March 31, 1785. Chil. *Henry*, b. 1785, grad. D. C. 1811, is living in Maryland; *John*, b. 1787, and lives in Winchendon, to which place the parents removed from here, in 1790; eleven other children were b. to them after they left here, and, in 1819, the thirteen were all living; their father, Frederic Crosby, removed to Ashburnham in 1796, and d. there, in 1840, aged 76.

CROSBY, DAVID (sup. from Billerica) and his w. Sarah, lived in the N. Parish. The births of their chil. are not, any of them, on the town record; they were bap. here, as follows: *Hannah*, Jan. 7, 1733, and sup. m. Adonijah Rice of Westboro', July 3, 1751; *Solomon*, Dec. 29, 1734; *Persis*, Nov. 14, 1736, and m. Daniel Forbush, Jr. of Westboro', Dec. 31 1759; *Mary*, March 4, 1739; *John*, March 8, 1741; *Bulah*, Nov. 7, 1742; *Relief*, April 27, 1746; *Prudence*, Aug. 17, 1748; *Rachel*, Sept. 15, 1751. Hannah, the first of these chil., was bap., says the chh. record, "by virtue of her (the mother) having enjoyed that privilege at Billerica, where she lived." His wife, Sarah, was admitted to the chh. here in 1734, and he, in 1741; and, in 1743, he was dismissed to the chh. in the N. Parish.

CROSBY, WALTER (s. of Elisha) settled in Boston; m. Elizabeth Orcutt of Kingston, Oct. 1, 1797. She d. 1825, and he removed to Ct. Chil. *Henrietta*, who m. Nathaniel Ewer; *Elizabeth*, who m. Lewis Gardner; *Walter* and *Adaline*, twins; the first m. Mary P. Watson of Dover, N. H.; *Belvidera*, who m. Wm. C. Munroe; *Emeline* and *Caroline*, twins; the former m. Thomas Trueman; *Otis*.

CROSBY, PHILIP and his wife, Esther Brown, m. here, 1793, were both from Rehoboth; she d. Feb. 14, 1802, aged 29. Chil. *Isaiah*, b. June 17, 1795; *Samuel*, Sept. 17, 1797, and d. April 2, 1820; *Ransom*, Aug. 4, 1799; *Esther Brown*, Feb. 8, 1802, and d. 1803. He next m. Grace, D. of Jasper Stone, Nov. 27, 1808, and d. Oct. 12, 1817, aged 49. His wid., Grace, d. Aug. 6, 1828, aged 58. Chil. *Philip*, bap. Oct. 19, 1806, and m. Elvira, D. of Stephen Stearns, 1825; *Asa Stone*, bap. Oct. 2, 1814; *Grace Elizabeth*, bap. Nov. 17, 1816.

CROSBY, ZACHEUS (bro. of Philip) and his wife, Mary, were from Northboro'. Chil. *Ariel*, b. April 14, 1803; *Isaac*, March 11, 1805; *Caleb*, April 23, 1807; *Hezekiah Higgins*, Sept. 2, 1809; all at Northboro', and recorded here. He lived in town but a few years, and removed about 1820.

CROSBY, ISAIAH (s. of Philip) m. Elizabeth Sawyer of Bolton, 1823. Chil. *Samuel Brown*, b. Sept. 25, 1824; *Albert Thomas*, Dec. 27, 1826; *Mary Elizabeth*, Dec. 4, 1831; *George Otis*, Dec. 3, 1834.

CUTTING, JONAS and his wife, Dinah, perhaps from Lancaster, lived, sup. in the North Parish. Chil. *Salmon*, bap. July 13, 1735, "on account of his [the father] having owned the covenant in another chh." Hence, it may be supposed he came here with a family of children; some of them are, probably, those who are hereafter named.) *Eliphalet*, b. July 12, 1738, and m. Mary Hayden, March 24, 1760. Dinah Cutting, probably his D. or wid., m. Micah Pratt, May 18, 1752.

CUTTING, JONATHAN and his wife, Sarah, had *Jonathan*, b. Dec. 19, 1746; *Abigail*, July 20, 1748, sup. m. John Willington, 1782; *Sarah*, May 5, 1750; *John*, April 1, 1753; *Silas*, Dec. 11, 1755; *Ebenezer*, June 19, 1759, and m. Elizabeth Dunton of Sturbridge, 1784; *Alpheus*, May 29, 1767.

CUTTING, ZACHARIAH and his wife, Elizabeth, had *Lydia*, b. Oct. 15, 1744, and *Jonas*, June 1, 1746.

CUTTING, JOSIAH and his wife, Orpah, had *Persis*, b. Feb. 11, 1753, and m. David Bennett, 1773, and Philip Branscomb in 1779; a D. [record torn] June 28, 1754; *Ephraim*, July 1, 1757; a s., April 6, 1759, and another D., Prudence Cutting, m. Isaac Smith of Westmoreland, 1783.

CUTTING, FRANCIS and his wife, Thankful Warren, m. May 11, 1750; had *Jonas*, b. Jan. 14, 1751; *Zebulon*, Dec. 1, 1752, and *Sarah*, Dec. 16, 1753.

CUTTING, DAVID m. Mary Keyes, Nov. 10, 1767. Chil. *David*, b. June 20, 1768; *Hannah*, June 9, 1770; *Mary*, May 10, 1773; *Thaniel*, July 16, 1774.

CUTTING, JOSIAH m. Persis, D. of Joseph Glazier, 1769. Chil. *Joel*, b. May 5, 1770; *Sarah* and *Susanna*, Jan. 16, 1773; the latter m. Peter Cary, 1814; *Eunice*, Feb. 2, 1775; *Mary*, Aug. 27, 1777; *Persis*, Jan. 24, 1780; and *John*, March 11, 1782.

CUTTING, SILAS (s. of Jonathan) m. Lucy Cutting, 1779. Chil. *Abigail*, b. June 19, 1780, and *John*, Oct. 6, 1781.

Most, if not all, of the Cutting families lived in the N. Parish. Their ancestors were early settlers in Watertown.

CUTLER, EBENEZER * m. Abigail Felch of Reading, April 27, 1726. He was then of Shrewsbury; and, in 1729, was living on house lot, No. 6. Chil. *Ebenezer*, b. Aug. 23, 1729, and m. Miriam Bennett, Nov. 28, 1764; *Abigail*, May 28, 1731; *Elizabeth*, Oct. 7, 1732; *Thomas*, 1735, and d. 1736; *Jonathan*, May 1, 1736; *David*, Sept. 7, 1737; *Moses*, Feb. 16, 1739; *Mary*, April 25, 1740. Ebenezer Cutler, with his farm, was set off to Grafton in 1741. He is sup. to have m. Abigail Whitney, a widow, of Grafton, April 19, 1779.

CUTLER, JOHN and his wife, Susanna, were from Lexington about 1753. Chil. *John*, b. Aug. 25, 1750; *Joseph*, May 13, 1752; both at Lexington; *Moses*, b. here, May 28, 1754, and d. Oct. 6, 1756; *Benjamin*, June 8, 1756; *Susanna*, Jan. 5, 1759; *David*, bap. Oct. 30, 1762; *Rachel*, bap. March 17, 1765; *Sarah*, bap. Feb. 8, 1767.

CUTLER, JONATHAN (s. of Ebenezer) m. Deliverance Hathorn, in Marlboro', March 1, 1764, and lived in the N. part of the town, where he d. Aug. 28, 1809, aged 73; and his wid. Deliverance, Oct. 16, 1818, aged 83. Chil. *Nathaniel*, b. April 2, 1765, and d. Oct. 7, 1833; *Elizabeth*, April 21, 1767, and d. unm. June 17, 1830; *Thomas*, Aug. 6, 1769; *Sarah*, Sept. 30, 1771, and m. Patrick Delany, 1795; *Lydia*, Jan. 4, 1774; *Joel*, Sept. 28, 1776; *Mary*, Dec. 15, 1780.

CUTLER, JOEL (s. of Jonathan) m. Mary Keith of Easton, 1802. Chil. *Caroline*, b. Oct. 16, 1802; *Sidney*, Jan. 31, 1804; *Gilbert*, June 2, 1805; *William*, Jan. 15, 1807; *Amelia*, Jan. 20, 1809; *Mary Ann*, Oct. 22, 1811; *Asaph*, Nov. 6, 1812. He, with his family, removed to Vt.

* Timothy Cutler, with a family, was in Charlestown, 1674.

Nathaniel Cutler, with a family, was there, 1675.

John Cutler m. Martha Wiswall, in Charlestown, 23, 2, 1675.

James Cutler, and his wife, Lydia, in Cambridge, 1666, and had a large family of children.

CUTLER, EBENEZER and his wife, Milly from Grafton, had *Aaron Goodale*, b. Sept. 21, 1826; *Oliver Blake*, Dec. 13, 1827; *Ann Jane*, March 23, 1830; *Albert Josiah*, Oct. 24, 1835; *Eleanor*, Feb. 17, 1840.

CUTLER, ISAAC from Grafton, m. Ruth, D. of Paul Knowlton, April 8, 1823, and d. March 22, 1839, aged 49.

CRAWFORD, WILLIAM and his wife, Margaret, said to have come from Ireland, had *John*, b. May 10, 1726; *Elizabeth*, Feb. 8, 1728; *William*, Aug. 12, 1730; *Margaret*, June 1, 1734, and m. Jonathan Gale, March 10, 1757; *Sarah*, Feb. 2, 1737; *Robert*, Feb. 3, 1740; *Joseph*, Aug. 2, 1742; *David*, Feb. 8, 1745. The parents were admitted to chh. here in 1738. The mother d. Jan. 20, 1745; and, in 1748, the father was dismissed, &c., to the church in Worcester.

CRAWFORD, WILLIAM, Jr. (s. of William) m. Mary Dinsmore of Lancaster, Feb. 26, 1758. Disarmed, &c. on account of his toryism, in 1775. Chil. *John*, b. Sept. 17, 1758, and d. 1760; a s., (rec. torn) April 11, 1760; *Eleanor*, April 14, 1762, sup. m. Joseph Peirce, 1782; *John*, Sept. 13, 1764, afterwards Col. John, who settled and d. in Northboro'; *James*, Oct. 27, 1766; *Jane*, April 7, 1768; *Levi*, Sept. 17, 1770; *Lewis*, Feb. 7, 1775.

CRAWFORD, JOHN and his wife, Elizabeth, had *Margaret*, b. Feb. 12, 1737, and *John*, May 25, 1739. The father m. Margaret Henderson of Lancaster, in 1743, and, in 1748, was living near "Rocky Pond."

CALHOONE, SAMUEL and his wife, whose name no where appears of record, had *Alexander*, bap. at his house, Oct. 30, 1726, on her account; the child being dangerously sick.—Many instances of this kind appear on the chh. records. *Sam-*

uel, bap. Nov. 27, 1726; *James*, bap. July 18, 1731; *Mary*, bap. June 17, 1736, removed to Petersham.

Jane Calhoone of this town m. John Shaw of Hassanamisco, (Grafton) June 5, 1735. This name is Cahoone, in the town, and Calhoone in the chh. records.

CROUTCH, WILLIAM, living on house lot, No. 5, in 1729, and his wife, Hannah, had *Aaron*, b. Jan. 31, 1732; *Phebe*, May 19, 1734; *Phineas*, bap. Nov. 23, 1735.

Thomas Croutch, perhaps a brother of William, m. Sarah Grover, March 26, 1734; both called of Shrewsbury, and, says Rev. Mr. Cushing's records, m. "gratis."

CHOAT, STEPHEN m. Bathsheba Newton, March 27, 1754. Chil. *Patience*, b. Jan. 16, 1755; *William*, Feb. 15, 1757; *Bathsheba*, May 27, 1761, and *Rebecca*, Nov. 20, 1763. A family by the name of Choate was in Ipswich as early as 1650.

CLUES, THOMAS (the name does not appear on record, except as giving name to a road in the S. part of the town on which he lived) had sons *Thomas* and *Hiram*.

CROSSMAN, JAMES, Jr. m. Susannah Farrar, 1766, both of Shrewsbury.

CARY, JOSIAH and his wife, Bulah Warren, m. Dec. 27, 1765, were both from Weston. Chil., on record here, *Silas*, b. Nov. 6, 1776; *Joel*, bap. May 2, 1779; *Lewis*, bap. Oct. 7, 1781; *Susannah*, bap. Oct. 24, 1784; *Abigail*, bap. Sept. 16, 1787.

CARY, PETER, (bro. of Josiah) a soldier of the Revo.; taken prisoner at the "Cedars," thence to Quebec, exchanged at Halifax, and arrived at Boston, and m. Bulah, D. of Elnathan Pratt. Chil. (perhaps not in this order; not one of their births was on record in 1829) *Ebenezer; Nathaniel; John; Thad-*

deus, who m. Sarah, D. of Samuel Smith, Sept. 25, 1808, and settled in Providence, R. I.; *Henry*; *Joseph Pratt*; *Relief*, who m. Joseph J. Peirks, 1813; *Harriet*, who m. Jason Blake, Jr., Dec. 12, 1822. Peter Cary m. Susannah, D. of Josiah Cutting of Boylston, Feb. 17, 1814, and d. April 23, 1832, aged 72.

CARY, HENRY (s. of Peter) m. Lucretia, D. of Adam Harrington, 1811. Chil. *Adam Harrington*, b. Feb. 21, 1812, and m. Mehitable, D. of Salmon Smith; *Theodore Chauncy*, Aug. 23, 1813, and m. Maria W. Freeman, of R. I. She d. Jan. 28, 1842, aged 21. *Isaac Harrington*, May 3, 1825.

CARY, JOSEPH P. (s. of Peter) m. Abigail, D. of William Sawyer, March 9, 1817. She d. Nov. 15, 1828, aged 30. Chil. *John Flint*, b. June 16, 1817; *Joseph William*, Jan. 22, 1819, and m. Sarah Maria, D. of John Bliss; *Abigail Andrews*, Oct. 29, 1820; *Caroline Elizabeth*, June 30, 1822; *Harriet Augusta*, May 19, 1824; *Lucy Ann*, July 18, 1826; *Henry*, Oct. 9, 1828. He next m. Harriet Sawyer, (sister of Abigail, his late wife) 1829. Chil. *George Edward*, b. Sept. 30, 1829; *Nancy Stiles*, Sept. 30, 1831; *Susan M.*, Aug. 24, 1833; *Caroline E.*, Oct. 29, 1838; *Albert Waters*, July 2, 1840; *Andrew Walter*, Feb. 16, 1844.

CURTIS, JOSEPH, from Worcester, (a descendant of Ephraim Curtis, who was the first settler there, and was from Sudbury) m. Eleoner, D. of Dr. Edward Flint, Aug. 1, 1774. Chil. *Eleoner*, b. Dec. 15, 1774; *Catharine*, Aug. 28, 1776, and d. 1777; *William*, Jan. 23, 1779; *Mary*, July 23, 1781; *Catharine*, Sept. 19, 1783. He removed to Leicester about 1784; where he had *Maria* and *Sarah*, both bap. here, Oct. 31, 1790, and *Austin*, who was bap. here, Feb. 26, 1792. Of these, Maria m. Benjamin Maynard, Jr., Nov. 3, 1808.

CLOYES, JOSEPH, from Framingham, m. Eunice, D. of Gideon Howe, Sept. 24, 1797. Chil. *Elijah*, b. Dec. 8, 1797;

Damaris Howe, Jan. 19, 1799. She was admitted to the chh. here, Nov. 24, 1799, and on the first day of Dec. next following, the before named chil. were bap. here, being called the chil. of the *widow* Eunice Cloyes. There is no record here of whe or where he d.

CHAPIN, PERRY, from Worcester, m. Mary, D. of Capt. Levi Pease, Nov. 1, 1807. Child, *Charles Perry*, b. July 2, 1808. He returned to Worcester, where she d. Sept. 2, 1816 aged 37; but buried here with her brother, Levi, on the same day, and both in one grave.

CUMMINGS, JOHN B. and his wife, who was Martha Knowlton of Hamilton, came here from Topsfield in 1807. (His father was Thomas, of Topsfield, and his g. father, Capt. Joseph, of Ipswich, where, in 1638, was Isaac, and the name then spelt *Comings*.) Chil. *Joseph*, b. at Topsfield, Feb. 19, 1806; *Susanna Fellows*, Dec. 4, 1807; *Rebecca Balch*, July 10, 1809; *Martha Knowlton*, July 24, 1811; *George*, Oct. 31, 1814; *Caroline Boardman*, Jan. 30, 1817; *John*, Sept. 29, 1819; *Jonas*, Dec. 21, 1825.

CUMMINGS, SAMUEL, whose wife was Sarah, buried a child in July, 1813, aged 2 years; and two others in May, 1816, the eldest aged 3 years; and had *Joseph*, b. May 8, 1817. His wife, Sarah, d. Nov. 14, 1817, aged 29. He left town soon after.

CHICKERING, OLIVER, from Rutland, m. Sarah, D. of Jedediah Tucker, Jr., April 28, 1799, and d. 1846, aged 74. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 11, 1799, and m. in Worcester; *Mary*, Feb. 20, 1801; *Silas*, Nov. 13, 1802, and m. —— Champney of Southboro'; *Horace*, Feb. 5, 1804; *Cromwell*, Oct. 4, 1805; *John*, July 16, 1808; *Lucy*, March 4, 1811; *Daniel*, May 4, 1813; *Obed*, July 18, 1815, and m. Hannah, D. of Ezra Phillips; *Charles*, June 10, 1818.

DAVENPORT, WILLIAM, from Bridgewater, (s. of Richard and g. s. of Richard, "Commander," &c.*) whose wife, says *Mitchell*, in his history of Bridgewater, was "Sarah Richards, whom he m. in 1730, and had *Abigail*, b. 1730; *Anna*, 1732; and *Elizabeth*, 1735," had *William* b. June 23, 1737; *Sarah*, Oct. 1, 1739, the births of the two last are all that appear on the records of this town.

DAVENPORT, NATHANIEL (brother of William) m. Lucy Wyman, 1729; she was ad. to chh. Sept. 1730, and d. Oct. 23, 1730. Child, *Lucy*, b. Oct. 7, 1730. His second wife was *Elizabeth*. They had *Nathaniel*, who d. May 9, 1742; *John*, b. Dec. 7, 1733, and d. Jan. 6, 1753; *Elizabeth*,

* "Rev. John Davenport from Coventry, England, b. 1597, came to N. E., June 26, 1637, and, in 1638, settled in New Haven. Removed to Boston, and was installed successor of Rev. John Wilson, Dec. 9, 1668, and d. March, 1670, aged 73.—*Farmer*.

"Richard Davenport, (according to *Farmer*) b. 1606, arrived in Salem, with Gov. Endicot, in Sept. 1628; was Rep. from Salem, in 1637, and resided there until 1642; he was afterwards commander of Castle Island, in Boston Harbor, many years, and was killed (there) by lightning, July 15, 1665, aged 59." Some have supposed, that the Rev. John Davenport was the ancestor of those of that name who settled in Shrewsbury, and that Richard, *their* father, was *his* son; both suppositions are erroneous.

In 1659, the Great and General Court granted to him (Richard) 650 acres of land within the limits of what was afterwards granted, in 1717, to the proprietors of Shrewsbury, as a township; and lies partly in Boylston and partly in West Boylston, where, and on some part of which, his descendants now live. It was called by the proprietors, in their earliest records, "*The Davenport Farm.*" Perhaps his family was in Weymouth at the time of his death.

"Richard Davenport (says *Mitchell*, in his History of Bridgewater) removed from Weymouth to Bridgewater about the year 1700, and that he appears to have been at Shrewsbury in 1731." He was, beyond doubt, the son of Richard, the "Commander;" according to *Mitchell*, his children were William, Abigail, Nathaniel and Elizabeth. If the father were here in 1731, it was probably with a view to the future settlement of his sons; two of whom, William and Nathaniel, came here from Bridgewater, in 1736, and settled on the land granted to *his* father, in 1659. There is nothing on the town record to show that the father was here at all, but by the chh. records he was here in 1736; in that year, although it does not appear that he was a member of or in covenant with the church here, he entered a complaint against one of the brethren. That is all the evidence I can find on record here that he ever resided in this town. He appears to have had no wife here, nor are any of his children, designated as such, named on the town record. His sons here had families at that time, and probably he, then advanced in life, spent the remainder of his days with them.

Nov. 7, 1736, and m. Thomas Willard of Lancaster, Jan. 11, 1759; *Elijah*, May 4, 1741, and d. Sept. 27, 1745; *Nathaniel*, Dec. 22, 1743, and d. Sept. 23, 1745; *Matthew*, April 23, 1745, and m. Patience Goodenow, 1778; *Catharine*, Aug. 12, 1747, and m. Timothy Whitney, Dec. 8, 1768; *Mary*, May 6, 1749, and m. Jonas Goodenow, of Princeton, Jan. 29, 1767; *Nathaniel*, Aug. 30, 1751. He next m. Tamar Moore, or Morse, of Princeton, Feb. 23, 1764; *Moore* in the marriage, and *Morse* in the publishment, record. Chil. *Tamar*, b. Nov. 22, 1764; *Dorcas*, June 5, 1766; *John*, Feb. 25, 1773.

DAVENPORT, SAMUEL was admitted to the chh. here in 1735; what connection, if any, of Richard, does not appear; nor is there any thing further on the records here respecting him.

DRURY, THOMAS,* the name of whose wife is unknown, had *Sarah*, bap. here, June 24, 1724; *Abigail*, bap. April 24, 1725; *Rachel*, bap. Oct. 20, 1728; *Thankful*, bap. Jan. 10, 1731.

Thomas Drury, who m. Huldah, D. of Eleazer Taylor, April 29, 1755, and removed to Narraganset, No. 6, now Templeton, was probably son of the above Thomas, and b. before his parents came here, and of whom nothing more appears on record.

DRURY, JOHN (perhaps a brother of Thomas) and Anna Gleason, both of Framingham, were m. Nov. 22, 1733; and were admitted to the chh. here from that in Natick in 1758. It is said, he had chil. *John*, and *Martha*, and perhaps others, and b. before their parents came here. Martha Drury, D. sup. of John, d. here, Oct. 13, 1775, aged 27.

* John Drury, Mass., freeman in 1654, I suppose to have been father of Thomas Drury, who m. Rachel Rice, in Sudbury, Dec. 15, 1687, and there had Caleb, b. Oct. 5, 1688, and *Thomas*, above mentioned, Aug. 29, 1690, by Ruth a second wife.

DRURY, DANIEL, (brother, sup. of John) of Framingham, m. Sarah Flagg of Sudbury, July 14, 1729, and soon after settled in this town; she was admitted to the chh. here from that in Sudbury in 1732, and d. Nov. 29, 1775, aged 70. He became a member of the chh. here in 1742. Chil. *Caleb*, b. 1730; *Isaac*, Dec. 25, 1731; *Ebenezer*, bap. Feb. 17, 1733; *Sibbillah*, b. April 17, 1736, and m. Gershom Drury, in 1760; *Sarah* and *Ann*, b. Nov. 23, 1738, and both d. in 1740; *Daniel*, bap. Aug. 10, 1740, and m. Sarah Knowlton, D. sup. of Abraham, May 28, 1765; *Abigail*, b. Feb. 8, 1743, and m. Daniel Warren, Jr. of Westboro', May 18, 1775. Daniel Drury was pub. to the wid. Elizabeth Chamberlain of Holliston, in May, 1776, and m. the wid. Mary Stacey of Northboro', Sept. 5, 1776. He d. June 5, 1786, and his wid. Mary, Dec. 7, 1791; their ages unknown. A Martha Drury m. Reuben Goss of Westboro', Sept. 10, 1764.

DRURY, CALEB (s. of Daniel) m. Sarah Goodale, D. sup. of Edward, Dec. 7, 1756; both ad. to chh. 1794; he d. Dec. 20, 1804, aged 73; and his wid., Sarah, Jan. 21, 1806, aged 70. Chil. *Caleb*, b. June 8, 1757; *Ann*, July 1, 1759; *Joel*, March 9, 1763; *Lucy*, June 17, 1765, and sup. m. William Drury in 1782; *Abijah*, Feb. 15, 1769; *Lewis*, Nov. 30, 1772; *Anna*, Feb. 10, 1775, and m. Daniel Bannister of Boylston, in 1798.

DRURY, ISAAC (s. of Daniel) m. Lois Muzzy, Dec. 5, 1754, and d. May 12, 1810, aged 79; his wife, Lois, d. Feb. 4, 1785, aged 49; they became chh. members here in 1783. They had no chil.

DRURY, EBENEZER (s. of Daniel) m. Hannah, D. of Ebenezer Keyes, Oct. 21, 1761. They became members of this chh. in 1776. Child, *Esther*, b. Nov. 25, 1762. The parents removed to Temple, N. H., where they had *Ebenezer*, and perhaps others. In 1768, he, called of Temple, N. H., m. Miriam, D. of Enos Goodale, Dec. 1. Chil. bap. here, *Abel*,

May 24, 1772; *Hannah*, April 10, 1774, and *Lois*, Dec. 8, 1776. He removed to Pittsford, Vt., and was a magistrate there.

DRURY, JOHN, Jr. (s. of John) whose wife was Martha Buckminster, was from Framingham. Chil. *Joanna*, b. July 9, 1760, and m. Solomon Jones of Charlton, May 2, 1782; *Caroline*, March 10, 1764; *Lawson*, Feb. 7, 1770; *Martha*, bap. April 4, 1773; *Buckminster*, b. Nov. 16, 1775; *John*, Nov. 15, 1779. It is said he was an officer in the army of the Revo., and that he removed to Franconia, N. H.

Abigail, wife of John Drury, was admitted to the chh. here in 1772, from that in Concord. I am unable to reconcile this with any records here relating to the Drury families.

DRURY, WILLIAM (perhaps a brother of John Jr.) m. Elizabeth Drury in 1768, and both then called of Shrewsbury. He may have been the same who next follows, then having a second wife; or the following may have been a son of the preceding, by a former wife.

DRURY, WILLIAM m. Lucy Drury, D. sup. of Caleb, April 18, 1782. Chil. *Ephraim*, b. June 3, 1783; and *Luke*, Oct. 11, 1785. This family probably removed to Grafton.

DRURY, GERSHOM, from Hollis, N. H., m. Sibbillah, D. of Daniel Drury, in 1760, and had *David*, b. Nov. 7, 1763.

DRURY, EBENEZER, Jr. (s. of Ebenezer) m. Lucy, D. of Dr. Edward Flint, Jan. 1793, and both admitted to the chh. in that year. Chil. *Isaac*, b. April 29, 1793, and d. unm., May 18, 1828; *Edward Flint*, Feb. 18, 1795, and d. unm., Jan. 16, 1826; *Hannah Keyes*, July 19, 1796, and m. Oliver Wyman, 1819; *Lois Muzzy*, June 12, 1798, and d. in 1800; *John*, Dec. 2, 1799; *Lois Muzzy*, Nov. 2, 1801, and m. Thomas H. Witherbee, 1824; *Sarah Flint*, Aug. 30, 1804, and m. Isaac Reed Noyes, Sept. 16, 1828; *Ebenezer*, Jan. 4, 1806.

DRURY, JOEL (s. of Caleb) m. Mary, D. of Joseph Sherman, Jr., June 8, 1788. She d. Oct. 31, 1828, aged 66. Chil. *Lois*, b. March 14, 1789; *Lucy*, Oct. 19, 1791, and m. Emery Bannister of Boylston, in 1821; *Luther*, March 16, 1794; *Mary*, bap. May 12, 1805.

DRURY, ABIJAH (s. of Caleb) m. Resinah Wheelock, Feb. 22, 1792. She d. April 21, 1834, aged 63. Chil. *Sarah*, b. July 30, 1792, and m. Alexander Rice, in 1811; *Melinda*, Nov. 10, 1795, and m. Emery Bannister, his second wife; *Luke*, Aug. 15, 1799, and d. May 14, 1836; *Phebe Rand*, Nov. 6, 1804, and m. Ebenezer Felton of Boylston, Feb. 1, 1827; *Laura*, Nov. 11, 1810, and d. Sept. 15, 1833.

DRURY, LUTHER (s. of Joel) m. Martha C. Gale of West Boylston, May 5, 1822. Chil. *William Sherman*, b. Sept. 28, 1823; *Dolly Lincoln*, June 16, 1826.

DODGE, JABEZ, from Ipswich, with a family, settled in this town, how long before 1740, is unknown. He was living here in 1761. I cannot find any thing respecting him after that period on the records. It does not appear that he had chil. b. here. Of those that came with him, were *Deborah*, who m. Solomon Rand, in 1741; *Amee*, who m. Ebenezer Maynard of Westboro', Feb. 15, 1743, and d. there, Oct. 14, 1754; and *Ezekiel*, who was admitted to the chh. here in 1742; grad. H. U., 1749; ord. to the ministry in Abington, Mass., May 23, 1750; m. Mary Goddard of Sutton, and d. suddenly of apoplexy, June 15, 1770, aged 48; another son, it is believed, served his time with Marshall Newton, at the blacksmith trade, and afterwards settled in Brookfield, thence to Great Barrington.

DEAN, Capt. EBENEZER (s. of Ebenezer of Franklin, and g. s. of Ebenezer of Dedham) came here with a family about the year 1790. In May, 1791, he was, with his wife, Abigail, admitted to the chh. here from that in Franklin. He settled on the place, where Balch Dean, Esq. now lives. In

1792, his dwelling house was opened as one of the small pox hospitals, of which there were several in the town in that year; the innoculation for that distemper being general throughout the town. He had brothers, Nathaniel and Jonathan; not any of his children were b. here. Of those that came with him were *Ebenezer*, who, it is said, m. Mary Brown of Rehoboth, and d. in Norfolk, Va.; *Paul*, a physician, who practised here some years, and went South and d. there; *Cyrus*, who m. and settled in Brookfield; *Julia*, who m. Timothy Blake of Franklin, May 4, 1794; his D., *Irene*, had m. Samuel Fisher, of Westboro', before the father came to this town. He removed from here about 1798.

DEAN, JONATHAN, (s. of Ebenezer of Dedham) came here in 1798, with his second wife, Elizabeth, from Dedham, 2d D. of the Rev. Thomas Balch of the 2d Parish in that town, and settled on the place that was previously Ebenezer Dean's. His first wife was the D. of Capt. Samuel Holmes of Dedham. *Ebenezer* and *Balch*, his sons by the second wife, came here, with their parents, who, after a few years returned, as also did Ebenezer, to Dedham, leaving their youngest son, Balch, sole proprietor of the farm on which he now lives.

DEAN, BALCH, Esq., before mentioned, b. March 7, 1775, m. Martha, D. of David Brigham, Nov. 20, 1800. Child, *Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 31, 1801, and m. James Harvey Gerauld of Keene, N. H., (previously of Wrentham) June 6, 1827.

DEAN, FRANCIS (bro. of Balch) resided on the Eddy Place a few years, and then removed to Fitchburg. He had, while here, *Francis*, bap. July 7, 1805, and *Charles Pinkney*, bap. April 26, 1807.

DEAN, NATHANIEL (s. of Nathaniel, and g. s. of Ebenezer, of Dedham) with his wife, Rebecca, wid. of Fisher Whiting of Dedham, formerly Rebecca Fairbank, came here in Oct., 1800, with two of her chil., viz: *Rebecca Whiting*, b. Dec. 8,

1790. and here m. Thomas Knowlton, Jr., in 1809; and *Calvin Whiting*, b. Oct. 8, 1794. He lived on the place formerly belonging to the Crosbys, afterwards to Timothy Underwood, and now to Samuel Whitney, where he d. March 15, 1822, aged 62. His wid., Rebecca, d. in Boston, Feb. 10, 1829, aged 70.

DAVIS, Capt. SILAS, from Holden, m. Sarah Nurse of Framingham, in 1800, and lived on the place, now of Elisha Davis. Chil. *Joel*, b. May 8, 1802; *Addison*, Aug. 27, 1803; *Esther*, July 8, 1805; *Nathan Nurse*, Aug. 10, 1807; *Sarah*, Dec. 7, 1809; *Rebecca Estabrook*, March 3, 1812. He removed from town about 1814.

DAVIS, ELISHA m. Sarah Drake, Sept. 29, 1816. Chil. *Orin Elisha*, b. Dec. 28, 1817; *Samuel Merrill*, March 25, 1820; *Benjamin Edwards Whipple*, March 10, 1822; *Amos Harrison*, March 14, 1825; *Juliet Maranda*, Nov. 6, 1828.

DELANY, PATRICK (an Irishman) m. Sarah, D. of Jonathan Cutler, May 4, 1795, and, after a few years, left town. Chil. *Nancy*, b. Feb. 21, 1798; *Sarah*, April 27, 1803; *William*, Sept. 7, 1805; *Cyrus*, March 21, 1809.

DAY, WILLARD and his wife, Olive, came here from Wrentham about 1823, and resided a few years on the place where Silas Maynard now lives, and then returned to Wrentham. Chil. b. here, *George Hiram*, Sept. 23, 1824; *Mary Ann Minerva*, June 24, 1827.

DRAKE, JONATHAN H. (s. sup. of Francis, who m. Sarah Hayden in Bridgewater, in 1775, and d. here, Jan. 17, 1817, aged 67) came here, with his wife, Abigail, about 1814. Chil. *Diana Emeline*, b. Sept. 1, 1815; *Sarah Hayden*, July 23, 1817; *Jonathan Charles*, July 23, 1819. He m. Anna Bruce, D. of Daniel Stone, Jan. 1, 1824, and had *Albert Stone*, b. March, 1826. The father d. in 1844. His brother, Cyrus, m. Hannah, D. of James Alexander, Sept. 22, 1819.

DUDLEY, GERRY (s. of David and g. s. of Abel, whose wid., Sarah, sup. a sister of Francis Drake, d. here, Feb. 10, 1817, aged 72) m. Elizabeth Bellows, Nov. 18, 1827, and d. Jan. 25, 1835, aged 31. Chil. *Harriet Louisa*, b. April 15, 1828; *Abigail Frances*, June 2, 1829; *Mary Ann*, Aug. 16, 1831.

EAGER, ABRAHAM (s. of William, who m. Ruth Hill in Malden, in 1659) m. Lydia Woods, or Wood, in Marlboro', March 22, 1692; and there had sons, *Abraham*, b. Sept. 14, 1709; *Bezaleel*, Dec. 22, 1713, and *Benjamin*, May 17, 1716. Bezaleel settled in Westboro', in that part, now Northboro', where his son, Francis, and his g. s., the late Col. William Eager, formerly lived. The other two sons settled in this town.

Their parents both d. here. He d. Oct. 25, 1734, and his wid., Lydia, Jan. 7, 1739; their ages unknown. His age, if 21, when m., was about 63. He was several years Town Clerk of Marlboro'; the last was in 1730. He is styled *Capt.*, on the record of deaths.

EAGER, ABRAHAM (s. of the above) m. Dinah, D. of Luke Rice, April 25, 1739; she was ad. to this chh. in 1742; his death is not on record. His wid., "relict," d. Aug. 13, 1788, aged 69. Chil. *Paul*, b. April 13, 1740; sup. settled in Princeton, and m. Jane Forbus* of Rutland, in 1768; *Azubah*, Sept. 16, 1742, and m. Ephraim Wheeler, Nov. 4, 1761; *Noah*, June 3, 1745, and d. Oct. 19, 1781; *Sarah*, June 25, 1749, and m. James Curtis of Worcester, May 24, 1770; *Lewis*, April 10, 1752; *Benjamin*, Sept. 19, 1755; *Leonard*, Dec. 6, 1757.

EAGER, Capt. BENJAMIN (bro. of the above) m. Abigail Johnson of Worcester, Aug. 18, 1737. She was ad. to this chh. in 1742, and d. Sept. 12, 1747, aged 32. Chil. *Lucretia*, b. April 27, 1738; *Lydia*, Jan. 20, 1740, and m. Matthew Nobles of Westfield, May 21, 1759; *Dorothy*, Jan. 24, 1742; *Winsor*, March 15, 1744; *Ashbel*, May 25, 1746. He next m. Sarah

* Perhaps Forbes.

—— of Westfield, 1749, and d. June 21, 1759, aged 44. His wid., Sarah, sup. m. Capt. John Heuston, or Huston, of Nova Scotia, in 1761.

EAGER, Capt. LEWIS (s. of Abraham) m. Sarah Stacey of Framingham, Sept. 22, 1779, and d. Jan. 5, 1822, aged 70. His wid. Sarah, ad. to chh. here, 1802, d. Feb. 21, 1841, aged 84. Chil. *Abraham*, b. July 6, 1780, lived in Troy, N. Y. some years, where he m., and returned here, and d. June 27, 1817, aged 37; *Hannah*, Feb. 15, 1782, and d. unm. about 1803; *John*, Sept. 30, 1783; *Lucy*, March 13, 1785, and m. Jonathan Dudley of Sutton, May 4, 1829; *Welcome*, (now William) Nov. 1, 1786, and m. —— Bruce of Grafton; *Sarah*, March 28, 1788, and d. 1793; *Austin*, Dec. 1, 1789, and d. 1795; *Lewis*, Sept. 5, 1791; *Sarah*, Jan. 18, 1794, and m. George Slocumb, Jr., in 1817; *Cleora*, July 5, 1795, and d. July 31, 1819; *Charles*, Sept. 13, 1798, and d. Aug. 14, 1814.

EAGER, JOHN (s. of Capt. Lewis) m. Martha, D. of Nathan Howe, Esq., Feb. 13, 1808, and removed to Camden, Me., Dep. Sheriff and Post Master there, and d. Sept. 11, 1837, aged 50. Chil. *Fidelia*, who d., say, 1827; *Mary S.*, who m. —— Codman; *William*, who d. in Texas, 1847; *John; Charles Austin; Martha Ann*, who m. —— Woodbury; *Sarah Elizabeth*, who m. —— Morse; *Lucy* and *George*.

EAGER, ZACHARIAH, b. 1716 (s. of Zachariah, of Marlboro') m. wid. Abigail Moor, April 12, 1760, and lived in the "*Leg.*" Chil. *Lovisa*, b. Nov. 11, 1760; *Benjamin*, Oct. 7, 1762; and *Jonathan*, Jan. 1765. This family and others, with their lands, were set off to Lancaster, in 1768.

EAGER NATHAN, b. 1731, (s. of Uriah, and g. s. of Zerubbabel, of Marlboro', who was brother of Abraham, first mentioned) m. Sarah Goodenow in Marlboro', Feb. 5, 1755, and had *Nathan*, whom I sup. to have been the following, and, that he, with his wife, came here from Lancaster.

EAGER, NATHAN and his wife, Dinah, were ad. to the chh. here, in 1777, but not from any other. He was one of those chosen by the chh. in that year, "to assist in setting the psalm." Chil. *Ephron* and *Alvan*, bap. June 1, 1777. Ephron, I sup., settled in Northboro'.

EAGER, NAHUM (from Providence, s. of Ephron, of Northboro') m. Elizabeth, D. of Capt. Jonathan Nelson, Aug. 27, 1820, and kept a public house in this town, a short time, on the Worcester turnpike. Child, *Edwards Whipple*, b. Oct. 22, 1822. He removed to Leicester soon after and d.; his wid., Elizabeth, m. —— Parker.

One or more families of the name of Eager, not before mentioned, were living in the North Parish before it became a town, but there is nothing to show that fact on the records here.

EAGER, JOSEPH and his wife, Elizabeth Green, both from Northboro', lived in the North Parish, and had, besides other chil., *Miriam*, who m. Dea. Gershom Wheelock, in 1811.

EDDY, Capt. BENJAMIN,* whose wife was Martha Brondson of Boston, came here with a family, as mentioned in the

* Samuel and John Eddy, sons of Rev. William Eddy of Crainbrook, in the County of Kent, in England, came to America in the ship Handmaid, Capt. Grant, master, and arrived at Plymouth, Oct. 29, 1630, where Samuel settled and had Caleb, b. in 1643, who d. at the age of 70. His son, Caleb, b. in 1672, m. Hannah Brown and d. in Boston, 1747. His son Caleb, b. in 1721, m. Martha Marks, and d. in Boston, 1752. His son, Benjamin, b. Feb. 19, 1743, is the above mentioned.

Capt. Benjamin Eddy was early inured to the hardships of a sea-faring life. At the commencement of the Revolution, he was taken prisoner by a British man of war, and, with his vessel, carried into Halifax; whence, after some months, he escaped from prison, and travelled through the wilderness to Boston.

His wife and children had left Boston and retired to Worcester, for a season, where he joined them a short time before he came to Shrewsbury. He removed to this town, with his family, in 1776, having, in Nov. of that year, purchased of Dennis Smith, the place on which he afterwards settled, and now belonging to Capt. Nathan Baldwin.

After the war had closed, he was, for several years, in command of vessels out of Boston, in the London trade, which afforded him facilities for furnishing his store here with a greater variety of fancy articles than were usually to be found in a country town at that period.

note below. Chil. *Martha*, b. July 24, 1764, and m. Dr. Zephaniah Jennings of Hardwick, Nov. 28, 1799; *Mary*, July 26, 1766, and m. Eliakim Morse, Sept. 22, 1786, and d. in Boston, April 26, 1800; *Hannah*, July 11, 1768, and m. Luke Bemis of Watertown, July 9, 1797, and d. March 31, 1837; *Sarah*, Aug. 11, 1770, and d. here, Sept. 11, 1778; *Robert Rand*, March 18, 1774, and d. here, Sept. 13, 1778. All the above named chil. were b. in Boston. *Eunice*, b. Oct. 11, 1776, in Worcester, and d. here, July 20, 1796; *Sarah*, May 17, 1779, and m. William Cotting of West Cambridge, Jan. 21, 1810; *Robert Rand*, Aug. 25, 1781, and d. June 17, 1796; *Caleb*, May 27, 1784.

Capt. Eddy removed to Waltham in 1804, and, in 1813, to West Cambridge, where he d. Aug. 11, 1817, aged 74.

EDDY, CALEB (s. of Benjamin) m. and resides in Boston. Chil. *Robert Henry; Mary Caroline; Benjamin; Thomas Melville; Benjamin;* and *Albert Melville.* The first and two last are living.

EARL STEPHEN, from Boxford, m. Mary, D. of Hezekiah Rice, May 11, 1780. Chil. *Henry*, bap. Aug. 28, 1780; *John*, bap. March 31, 1782. The parents removed to Gerry, now Phillipston; where they had *Hezekiah; Lydia; Sophia; Mary; Lucy* and *Stephen.* The father d. in Boston, June, 1825, aged 72. His wife, Mary, d. ten or twelve years previous.

EARL RALPH and his wife, Phebe, had *Ralph*, b. May 11, 1751.

FLINT, Dr. EDWARD * (from Concord) m. Mary, D. of

* Hon. Thomas Flint came from Matlock, in Derbyshire, (England) to Concord, in 1638, possessed of wealth, talents and a Christian character. He d. Oct. 8, 1653. His son, John, m. Mary, D. of Urian Oaks, President of H. U., in 1667, and d. in 1687. Their son, Thomas, m. Mary Brown. They were the parents of Dr. Edward, above mentioned, and of Thomas, who settled in Rutland, father of Dea. Tilly Flint of that town.

I am indebted for much of this information to Mr. Shattuck's History of Concord. Dr. Flint was a fellow student in Medford with the late Gov. Brooks, and

Daniel Howe, Jan. 8, 1758. They were admitted to the chh. here, in 1801. He d. Nov. 13, 1818, aged 85. His wife, Mary, d. Feb. 11, 1817, aged 78. Chil. *Eleanor*, b. Feb. 22, 1758, and m. Joseph Curtis of Worcester, in 1774; *Austin*, Jan. 4, 1760; *Josiah*, Dec. 12, 1761, and d. Jan. 1, 1770; *Dorothy*, March 30, 1764, and m. Jonathan Adams, Jr., in 1790; *Edward*, Feb. 7, 1766, and d. June 8, 1788; *Mary*, Jan. 3, 1768, and m. Zenas Stone, in 1790; *Lucy*, Nov. 22, 1769, and m. Ebenezer Drury, Jr., in 1793; *Lydia*, Oct. 29, 1771, and m. Oliver Munroe of Northboro', in 1794; *Sarah*, Aug. 30, 1773, and m. John Jennison, in 1799; *Josiah*, Dec. 15, 1775; *John*, Jan. 18, 1779.

FLINT, Dr. AUSTIN (s. of Dr. Edward) removed to Leicester, and there m. Elizabeth, D. of Col. William Henshaw, June 7, 1785. She d. Aug. 1, 1827, aged 63. He (in 1847) still lives in ripe old age. Chil. *Joseph Henshaw*, who was a practising physician in this town a few years, and, about 1811, removed to Petersham, thence to Northampton, thence to Springfield, and d. in Leicester, in 1846. *Sarah; Edward; Elizabeth; Waldo;* and *Laura.*

FLINT, Dr. JOHN (s. of Dr. Edward) m. Abigail, D. of Capt. Abraham Munroe of Northboro', in 1801, and, soon after, removed to Petersham, where he d. of spotted fever, in 1809, leaving a son, *John*, now (1847) a skilful physician in Boston. His wid. Abigail, m. Col. William Eager of Northboro'.

FLINT, Maj. JOSIAH (s. of Dr. Edward) m. Nancy, D. of Luther Stone of Southboro', in 1801, and lives on the home-

settled here soon after the decease of Dr. Joshua Smith, in 1756. He was chief chirurgeon in Col. Ruggles' regiment, in 1758, in an expedition against Canada. He was not long in that service. Having just previously taken to himself a wife, he soon returned. He was many years Town Clerk, one of the Selectmen, a staunch Whig in the time of the Revolution, and Surgeon in the Army at Cambridge, in 1775. His practice was extensive and abundant. Cheerful and humorous, he gave efficacy to his medicine by administering it with anecdotes and *queer* stories, that rarely failed to revive desponding patients.

stead. She d. Aug. 16, 1816, aged 34. Chil. *Mary Eleanor*, b. Oct. 16, 1802, the only one on the town record, and d. Sept. 6, 1803; *Mary*, bap. Aug. 10, 1806, and m. Eli Walcutt of Worcester, Dec. 26, 1828; *Charles*, bap. and d. in 1809; *Nancy*, bap. July 7, 1812, and m. Joseph W. Mason; *Edward*, bap. March 31, 1816, and killed by a cart wheel passing over him, Oct. 13, 1820. His second wife, Mary, was sister of his first wife, and m. in 1817. She d. Jan. 13, 1844, aged 58. Chil. *Lydia Maria*, bap. Sept. 27, 1818; *Laura*, bap. Sept. 10, 1820, and *Jane*, bap. Dec. 15, 1822.

FRISSOL, (FRIZZOL) SAMUEL, both ways on the records, m. Prudence Flagg of Watertown, Feb. 1, 1727. He was then called of Framingham. Their chil. here were *Samuel*, b. April 5, 1729; *John*, Sept. 20, 1730; *Prudence*, May 20, 1732; *Abigail*, Jan. 21, 1734, and m. Jason Parmenter of Nashua, March 7, 1753; *Mary*, Jan. 29, 1736; *Susanna*, Sept. 29, 1739. His wife, Prudence, was undoubtedly a relative, perhaps sister, of Gershom Flagg, of whom hereafter.

FRENCH, JONATHAN and his wife, whose name does not appear on record, had *James*, bap. May 11, 1735; *William*, bap. June 26, 1737.

FRENCH, JOSEPH m. Mary Bixbee, Jan. 2, 1746, and had *Desire*, b. Aug. 31, 1746, on the town record called a *son*, probably a mistake. Martha French m. Jonathan Ball of Westboro', April 4, 1739. Families of this name (French) were in Cambridge, in 1637.

FOSTER, JONATHAN, on house lot, No. 44, in 1729; ad. to chh. here in 1727; wife's name, Mary, and ad. to chh., 1735. Their chil., as recorded here, were *Jonathan*, b. June 6, 1719, and ad. to chh. here in 1743; *Mary*, Nov. 24, 1721; *Benjamin*, March 1, 1724, bap. at his father's house in 1727, and d. same year, say the church records; *Thomas*, b. Sept. 2, 1726; *Hezekiah*, Aug. 28, 1728; *Bulah*, Feb. 13, 1731; *Je-*

mima, bap. July 8, 1733; *Kezia*, bap. June 4, 1736. There is no death on the town record of the name of *Foster*.

Jonathan Foster, probably the first above mentioned, m. Bathsheba, the wid., I sup., of John Crosby, in 1741.

FOSTER, HEZEKIAH and his wife, Hannah, were from Haverhill, where they had, say the town records, *Hannah*, b. May 6, 1747.

FLAGG, GERSHOM * (sup. from Watertown) m. Hannah, D. sup. of Capt. John Keyes, Jan. 6, 1725; and was on house lot, No. 36, in 1729. She was ad. to chh. here in 1727, and he, in 1732. Chil. *Persis*, b. June 8, 1726; *Stephen*, July 22, 1728; *Jotham*, July 25, 1730; *Solomon*, March 6, 1733; *Gershom*, Jan. 1, 1735; *Thankful*, Jan. 21, 1739. His wid., Hannah, is sup. to have m. Eleazer Taylor in 1744.

FLAGG, STEPHEN (s. of Gershom) m. Judith, D. of Eleazer Taylor, Dec. 6, 1750. Chil. *John*, b. Oct. 4, 1751, and d. 1756; *Solomon*, Aug. 13, 1753, and d. 1756; *Stephen*, March 23, 1755, and d. 1758; *Judith*, March 6, 1757, and m. Samuel Andrews in 1777; *Stephen*, June 8, 1759; *John*, Dec. 21, 1760, and d. Jan. 30, 1785; *Solomon*, April 1, 1764, and m. Rebecca Dakin, Oct. 1789; *Benjamin*, May 25, 1766; *Jotham*, Jan. 8, 1767; *Lucretia*, June 2, 1768; *Gershom*, Sept. 27, 1770.

FLAGG, JOTHAM (s. of Gershom) m. Rebecca Kendall, Aug. 15, 1765. Chil. *Jotham*, b. Jan. 8, 1767; *Rebecca*, Oct. 22, 1768; *Solomon*, Oct. 21, 1770; *Samuel*, Sept. 8, 1772; *Thankful*, Feb. 28, 1774; *Pliny*, April 8, 1776.

FLAGG, JOEL and his wife, Mary, from Boylston, had *Mary Elizabeth*, b. here, Jan. 4, 1821.

* Gershom "*fleg*," Mass., freeman, 1674, was probably the Gershom *fleg*, who, with his wife, Hannah, was in Woburn in 1685, and had a son, Benoni, b. there in that year. Lt. Gershom *fleg*, d. in Woburn, 1690. Thomas "*fleg*," whose wife was Mary ———, was in Watertown, 1643, when and where he had John, and, in 1662, Benjamin. John *fleg*, and his wife, Mary, had Sarah, b. there in 1675, and John, in 1677. "fleg;" see note page 280.

FARR, DANIEL, (perhaps a descendant of George, who, with his wife, Elizabeth, was in Lynn in 1630, and d. 1661, leaving sons, John; Lazarus; Benjamin; and Joseph;) whose wife was Mary, had *Patience*, b. March 29, 1760; *Sarah*, March 28, 1762; *Samuel*, March 3, 1764; *Mary*, Aug. 23, 1766, and m. John Bailey of Hollis, N. H., in 1784.

FISKE, JACOB and his wife, whose name is not on the records here, were from Wenham; being a mem. of the chh. there, had his son, *Jonathan*, bap. here, May 22, 1748.

Daniel Fiske m. Elizabeth Goddard, Nov. 2, 1743.

Rachel Fiske m. Isaac Stone, Jr., of Lancaster, 1765.

Moses Fiske m. Lucy Bush, 1781.

FURNIS, BENJAMIN (*Furness*, Irish extraction) m. Abigail Taylor of Sturbridge, in 1766; it does not appear that he had any more family while here, which was as late as 1774, when he was licensed to keep a public house, where Joseph Nurse now lives.*

FARRAR, Maj. JOHN † and his wife, who was Hannah Brown, came here, settled on the place, and kept a public house, where the late Capt. Levi Pease afterwards lived. He d. there,

* It was there the late Aaron Smith, as he informed me, first saw a *potatoe*. He, a lad, and his brother, Moses, being there in planting time, saw Furness placing some small things in a row upon the grass land and covering them with sods; they inquired of him what they were; Furness replied, *paratoes*, and asked the boys if they never saw any before? They said, No; what are they good for? He told them, and gave them a few to carry home, with directions how to cook them, roast or boil. They roasted and ate them in the evening. Soon after, Moses was taken sick, and attributing the cause to the *paratoes*, did not eat another until several years afterwards.

† John and Jacob Farrar were Proprietors of Lancaster in 1653. Jacob, son of John or Jacob, m. Hannah, D. of John Houghton, Esq. in 1668, and was killed by the Indians, Aug. 22, 1675. His sons, Jacob, George, Joseph, and John, removed to Concord. George m. Mary How, in 1692, settled in Concord, and d. 1760, aged 89. His youngest son, Samuel, m. Lydia Barrett in 1732, and d. 1783, aged 75.—*Shattuck.*

They were the parents, as I suppose, of Maj. John, who was b. about, 1741.

A John Farrar m. Martha Swift of Framingham, Oct. 13, 1740.—*Mid. Co. Records.*

Jan. 15, 1793, aged 52. Chil. *Ephraim*, b. Oct. 22, 1765, at Cambridge; *Martha*, March 10, 1767, and d. in 2 mos.; she was bap. here, in 1767, "the parents being in covenant with the chh. in Concord;" *Martha*, Aug. 26, 1769, and m. —— Bronsdon of Milton; *John*, May 10, 1768, and d. in 1770; *Lucy*, Dec. 13, 1770, and d. in 1771; *Lucy*, Feb. 2, 1773, and d. in 2 mos.; *Mary*, April 3, 1774, and d. in 2 mos.; *Hannah*, Aug. 25, 1775, and d. in 1778; *Relief*, Oct. 20, 1777, and d. in 6 mos.; *Hannah*, Nov. 26, 1779, and m. —— Read, and next, Eastabrook of Royalston. Ephraim (whose name was, in his adult age, altered to John) lived a few years in Worcester; went to the West, m. and d. there. Hannah, the wid. of Maj. Farrar, m. Rev. Joseph Lee of Royalston, May 21, 1795.

FASSETT, JONATHAN (*Fassett* on early and late records; it is probably a corruption from *Fawcett*) came to this town with his wife, Sarah, from Bedford, (sup. Sarah Davis, and m. there, Oct. 27, 1761) and settled in the N. P. He was one of the Selectmen, in 1781. Chil., whose births are recorded here, *Mary*, b. Dec. 22, 1767; *Amittia*, (perhaps Amelia) b. March 2, 1771, and m. Abel Moore Goodenow, April 15, 1790; *Elizabeth*, Nov. 26, 1773; *Rebecca*, Feb. 17, 1777; *Lucy*, Sept. 12, 1779, and m. Ephraim Lyon, Jr., in 1799; *Abigail*, Dec. 27, 1781, and m. Asahel Noyes, in 1802; *Joseph*, May 17, 1784. Probably it was his D. Sarah, (b. before the family removed here,) that m. Andrew Bigelow, in 1785.

FORBES, ELISHA and his wife, Hannah, had a D. *Elizabeth*, bap. here, Nov. 10, 1771; the mother was then a mem. of the chh. in Upton.

FAIRBANK, Rev. ELEAZER, (from Preston, Ct.) ord. to the ministry in the N. P., March 27, 1777, m. Sarah, D. of Dea. Amariah Bigelow, Oct. 3, 1781, and was dismissed, at his own request, April 23, 1793. Chil. *Melthina*, b. June 26, 1782; *Perley*, Feb. 29, 1784. He was installed over the chh. in Wilmington, Vt., in Sept. 1793, dismissed soon after, and d., it is said, at Palmyra, N. Y., in 1821.

FAIRBANK, ISAIAH, Jr. (sup. from Grafton) m. Martha Symms Brocas, Nov. 11, 1802. Child, *John*, b. Aug. 28, 1803. They removed from town soon after.

FAY, Capt. CHARLES, (s., and 12th of 13 children of Capt. Benjamin Fay of Westboro', who m. Martha Miles of Concord, Dec. 27, 1739. They had 11 chil.; Martha, d. July 9, 1761. His second wife was Elizabeth Stow of Grafton, whom he m. Oct. 28, 1765) b. July 12, 1766, and m. Deborah, D. of Capt. Ephraim Lyon, Sen., then of Grafton, afterwards of this town. She d. Nov. 15, 1815, aged 49. He d. Sept. 7, 1818, aged 52. Chil. *Charles Taylor*, b. June 2, 1789; *Joel*, May 24, 1791, and m. Catharine Bigelow; *Deborah*, Aug. 3, 1794, and m. Lewis Witherby, in 1818; *David*, August 4, 1799; *Jonathan Prescott*, Nov. 29, 1801; the two last went to Ohio, unm.; *Elizabeth Lyon*, April 1, 1807.

FAY, CHARLES TAYLOR (s. of Capt. Charles) m. Relief, D. of Abel Goulding, March 22, 1812. Chil. No births on record. Their s., *Charles Henry*, d. May 18, 1818, aged 6 years.

FAY, JOHN, (s. sup. of John and Mehitable, of Westboro',) b. April 19, 1784, m. Elizabeth, D. of Daniel Noyes, March 13, 1808. Both are said to have d. young, of consumption.

FAY, SOLOMON T., (s. of Capt. Solomon and Susanna, of Westboro') b. Aug. 21, 1803, came here from Westboro', say in 1826, with his wife, Ascah, and lived a few years on the Jennison Place, a short distance west of where Joseph Nurse lives, and then returned. Chil., whose births are recorded here, *Henry Clinton*, b. March 4, 1827; *George Ellis*, Jan. 13, 1829; *Abbe Ann*, Nov. 28, 1830, and *Solomon Dexter*, Jan. 15, 1834.

FALES, Capt. DANIEL, originally from Wrentham, came here from Newton, with his wife, Sarah Pratt, about 1802, and settled on the place previously owned by Joseph Hastings. Chil.

Leander, b. Dec. 15, 1798; *Mary Ann*, Dec. 21, 1800, and m. John Parker, Jr., of Templeton, Sept. 4, 1823; *Almira Lucretia*, Jan. 4, 1803, and m. Calvin Lincoln of Holliston, Jan. 1, 1822; *John Mann*, Aug. 25, 1805; *Charles*, June 2, 1807; *Martha Southgate*, March 5, 1809; *Sarah Eliza*, May 17, 1811; *Daniel Henry*, June 30, 1813.

FALES, Capt. LEANDER (s. of Capt. Daniel) m. Hannah, D. of Bethuel Boyd, May 19, 1829. She d. Dec. 28, 1843, aged 41. Chil. *Susan Caroline*, b. July 25, 1830; *John Boyd*, Aug. 19, 1832; *Edward Leander*, Feb. 28, 1835; *John Edward*, Nov. 24, 1837; *Charles Henry*, Oct. 27, 1839. His second wife was Cherry Maria, wid. of Almon Allen of Princeton, and D. of Nathaniel Green.

FITCH, CHARLES H. and his wife, who was Susan Orne, came here from Salem, about 1803, and lived on the farm northerly from the meeting house, known as the Goddard Place. They had two daughters, whose births are not on record here, viz: *Susan*, who m. Calvin R. Stone, in 1812, and *Mariann B.*, who m. Hiram A. Morse, Nov. 7, 1827.

FESSENDEN, WYMAN, (s. of John, who m. Elizabeth, D. of Ross Wyman, in 1769) b. in 1772, came here, with a family, about 1827, and lived some years on the Pease Place. Of his children were two sons, *Seth Wyman* and *John Stillman*.

FESSENDEN, SETH WYMAN (s. of Wyman) m. Mary Ann, D. of Simon Maynard, Jan. 1, 1829. She d. Sept. 2, 1836, aged 37. Chil. *Charles Otis*, b. Sept. 16, 1830; *Julia Ann*, Dec. 20, 1731; *Elizabeth Dean*, March 4, 1833.

FESSENDEN, JOHN STILLMAN (s. of Wyman) m. Lucy Shaw of Palmer, in 1831, and d. Aug. 29, 1843, aged 44. Child, *Henry Gardner*, b. Oct. 14, 1832.

FILMORE, GEORGE, said to have been an Englishman born, came here from Worcester, in 1774. He enlisted into the Continental Army for three years, and served as private soldier during most of the war. He was honorably discharged, and, in his old age, enjoyed a pension from the government. He m. Sarah, D. of William Norcross, Dec. 9, 1779, and d. Sept. 29, 1832, aged 90; his wid., Sarah, d. Sept. 17, 1840, aged 94. A filial daughter has caused handsome monuments to be erected to their memory. Chil., whose births are recorded here, *Mary*, b. Nov. 20, 1785; *Joel*, March 4, 1790; *William*, April 29, 1792; *John*, Feb. 10, 1795; *Persis*, Dec. 15, 1796; *Francis*, June 7, 1799; *Samuel Smith*, Jan. 7, 1805.

GODDARD, EDWARD (s. of Edward * of Framingham) m. Hepzibah Hapgood, and was among the first settlers of this town, and one of the founders of the chh. She was ad. in 1728, and d. July 19, 1763, aged 60. He lived on the place of the late Charles H. Fitch. Chil. *Hepzibah*, b. Feb. 11, 1723, and d. unm. Oct. 7, 1781; *Nathan*, Jan. 18, 1725; *Elizabeth*, Sept. 4. 1726; *Robert*, Aug. 13, 1728; *David*, Sept. 26, 1730; *Hezekiah*, Aug. 13, 1732, and d. in 1734; *Daniel*, Feb. 7, 1734; *Ebenezer*, Nov. 25, 1735, and d. infant; *Ebenezer*, Dec. 28, 1736, and d. Sept. 29, 1738; *Rhoda*, Feb. 25, 1740, and m., Aug. 14, 1765, Rev. William Goddard. (s. of Rev. David Goddard † of Leicester) grad. H. U., 1761, first min. of Westmoreland, N. H., ordained Nov. 14, 1765. Her second husband was Nathaniel Stone, of this town, m. 1793, removed to Vt., and d. there, in Pittsfield, Dec. 7, 1820, aged 80; *Miriam*, April 30, 1742, and d. Nov. 8, 1755; *Edward*, March

* Edward Goddard, b. in Watertown, March 24 1675, m. Susanna Stone of Newton, and d. in Framingham, in 1754. He was one of several sons of Edward Goddard and his wife, Elizabeth Miles, who came from England, and settled in Watertown before 1667. Of the children of Edward and Susanna, Edward, Simon and Benjamin were early settlers here, and all born in Watertown; Edward in 1697, Simon in 1702, and Benjamin in 1704; as appears by their several ages, when they deceased.

† He m. Mary Stone of Watertown, July 16, 1736; ord. minister of Leicester, June 30, 1736, and d. Jan. 19, 1754, aged 48. He was a son of Edward, of Framingham, and brother of Edward, Simon and Benjamin.

12, 1745. He next m. Eunice Walker, in 1764; she was then called of Sutton, and admitted to the chh. here from that in Uxbridge, in 1771. He d. Oct. 13, 1777, aged 80.

GODDARD, NATHAN (s. of Edward) m. Dorothy Stevens of Petersham, and settled in Orange. He d. Feb. 12, 1806, aged 81, and his wid., Dorothy, March 30, 1808, aged 88. Chil. *Hepzibah*, *Nathan*, *Ebenezer*, *Dolly*, *Asa*, *Eunice* and *Lois*.

GODDARD, ROBERT (s. of Edward) m. Hannah Stone of Watertown, Jan. 8, 1752, and settled in Petersham. Chil. *Hannah* and *Sarah*. His second wife was Elizabeth, D. of Benjamin and Mary Goddard of Grafton. He d. in June, 1807, aged 79; and his wid., Elizabeth, in April, 1820. Nahum Goddard of Petersham, son of Robert, m. Sarah Richardson of Shrewsbury, Feb. 1, 1801.

GODDARD, DAVID (s. of Edward) m. Margaret Stone of Watertown, Oct. 9, 1753, and removed to Orange.

GODDARD, DANIEL (s. of Edward) m. Mary Willard of Grafton, Nov. 17, 1756, and lived on the homestead; his wife, Mary, d. Jan. 13, 1796, aged 65. Chil. *Miriam*, b. Sept. 8, 1757, and d. unm. Dec. 8, 1792; *Daniel*, Jan. 15, 1759, and d. infant; *Martha*, March 4, 1760, and d. infant; *Luther*, Feb. 28, 1762; *Hepzibah*, Feb. 2, 1764, and d. infant; *Daniel*, Aug. 23, 1765; *Calvin*, bap. May 27, 1767, and d. infant; *Calvin*, July 17, 1768; *Martha*, Sept. 1, 1770, and d. young; *Hezekiah*, Aug. 29, 1771. He next m., in 1796, (pub. in Oct.) Huldah Harwood, a widow, of Windsor, Ct., and d. in 1807, aged 74.

GODDARD, Rev. EDWARD, Jr., (s. of Edward) grad. H. U., 1764, m. Lois, D. of Nathan Howe, Sen., Nov. 1, 1769; ord. to the ministry in Swanzey, N. H., Sept. 27, 1769; honorably dismissed, July 5, 1798, and d. Oct. 13, 1811, aged 66. Chil. *Edward*, *Hepzibah*, *Nathan Howe*, *Hapgood*, *Eunice*, *Lois*, and others.

GODDARD, SIMON (brother of Edward) m. Susanna Cloyes of Framingham, Nov. 2, 1727. He was a mem. of Hopkinton chh. when he settled here, and it does not appear that he changed that relationship. He settled here about 1731, and lived S. W. from the meeting house, and near where the Baptist meeting house once stood. An old cellar and a grape vine were all that remained, some years since, to mark the spot. He d. here, Nov. 3, 1758, aged 56. Chil. *Edward*, who d. Sept. 19, 1742, aged 13; *Susanna*, b. July 28, 1731, (bap. here in Aug. next following; there is no record of any other of his chil. being bap. here) and d. Aug. 8, 1740; *Simon*, March 11, 1734, and d. in 1735; *Martha*, Dec. 29, 1735; and d. 1740; *Simon*, June 4, 1738, and d. 1740; *Elizabeth*, May 27, 1740, and m. James Goddard of Athol, June 24, 1767, and d. May 30, 1807; *Simon*, March 29, 1742; *Edward*, March 15, 1744; *Josiah*, Dec. 25, 1745; *Susanna*, Jan. 18, 1748, and d., unm., in Athol.

GODDARD, SIMON (s. of Simon) m. Mary Eaton of Framingham, settled in Gerry, now Phillipston, and was a magistrate there. He had eight children, all of whom d. of consumption; some of them in early life, the others on arriving at adult age; he followed them all, and three wives, to the grave.

GODDARD, EDWARD (s. of Simon, Sen.) m. Margaret Howe of Hopkinton, May 23, 1771, and d. here, May 20, 1782, aged 38; his wife, Margaret, d. Oct. 27, 1781. Chil. *Martha*, b. June 13, 1772; *Abigail*, May 10, 1774; *Mary*, March 17, 1776; *Sarah*, Jan. 20, 1778, and d. infant; *Sarah*, April 1, 1779.

GODDARD, JOSIAH (s. of Simon, Sen.) m. Ruth Raymond, Nov. 8, 1774, and settled in Athol, Rep. and Magistrate, d. Oct. 23, 1801, aged 56.

GODDARD, BENJAMIN (bro. of Simon, Sen.) m. Grace, D. of Dea. Nathan Fiske of Watertown, Sept. 25, 1733. He

lived on the farm, a part of which is where his grandson, Samuel Goddard, now lives. He was admitted to this chh. in 1730, and d. Jan. 28, 1754, aged 50; his wid., Grace, ad. to this chh. in 1772, from that in Hopkinton, d. here, Oct. 28, 1803, aged 90.

It was soon after he came to town, that the chh. began to be agitated on the subject of chh. government, Ruling Elders, &c., as may be seen in extracts from the Rev. Mr. Cushing's "*Narrative*," under the Ecclesiastical head. Chil. *Grace*, b. Jan. 1, 1736, and m. Jasper Stone, in 1755; *Benjamin*, Feb. 19, 1738, and d. 1740; *Sarah*, Jan. 8, 1740, and m. Joseph Nichols, Jan. 1762; *Benjamin*, March 29, 1742; *Susanna*, Aug. 4, 1744, and m. Rev. Isaac Stone of Douglass, in 1773; *Nathan*, Aug. 4, 1746; *Lydia*, Aug. 2, 1748, and d., unm., Feb. 26, 1825, aged 77; *Hannah*, Oct, 10, 1750, and m. Silas Heywood of Royalston, Nov. 11, 1779; *Submit*, Aug. 4, 1754, and m. James Puffer of Sudbury, Feb. 14, 1792.

GODDARD, Dea. BENJAMIN (s. of Benjamin) m. Hannah Williams of Pomfret, Ct., in 1769; she was then called of Charlton; both ad. to chh. here in 1771; she d. Oct. 8, 1797, aged 47. His dwelling house, large and commodious, was burnt on the Sabbath, Feb. 24, 1799, with most of its contents, while nearly all the family were absent, attending public worship. Chil. *Samuel*, b. Aug. 2, 1772; *Benjamin*, Oct. 11, 1778; *Sarah*, April 13, 1781, and d., unm., April 3, 1842; *Grace*, Feb, 14, 1784, and m. Mansfield Bruce of Marlboro', Vt., Sept. 24, 1805; *Elizabeth*, Sept. 16, 1786; sup. m. David Hill of Marlboro', Vt., Oct. 12, 1809; *George Sumner*, April 8, 1789; *Lydia*, June 26, 1791, and m. Levi Howe, Jan. 3, 1815; *Nathan Fiske*, June 30, 1793; *Artemas*, Oct. 18, 1795. He next m., in 1799, Lucy Chase of Sutton. She d. March 2, 1822, aged 81. His third wife was Elizabeth Russell, a widow, of Marlboro', m. in 1823. He d. Dec. 27, 1834, aged 92; and his wid., Elizabeth, April 18, 1845, aged 80.

GODDARD, NATHAN, Esq. (s. of Benjamin, Sen.) grad. H. U., 1770, m. Martha Nichols of Framingham, Dec. 15, 1772.

He was ad. to the chh. here in 1771, and his wife, in 1773. Chil. *Nichols*, b. Oct. 4, 1773; *Grace*, April 12, 1775; *Nathan*, Dec. 15, 1777. The parents were "dismissed from the chh. here to that in Newbury, Vt., in 1784; altered to Framingham in 1789;" where he d. July 24, 1795, aged 49. His wid., Martha, was the second wife of Simon Goddard, Esq. of Phillipston.

GODDARD, Capt. LUTHER (s. of Daniel) m. Elizabeth Dakin, in 1784, and both ad. to the chh. here in 1786; he withdrew himself from it in 1808, joined the Baptists, and became a preacher and elder in that denomination of Christians. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. March 28, 1785, and d. infant; *Perly*, Jan. 3, 1787; *Martha*, July 1, 1789, and m. Elijah Rice, Jr., Nov. 26, 1807; *Mary*, Feb. 20, 1792, and m. Henry Baldwin, Oct. 11, 1812; *Elizabeth*, April 3, 1794, and d. May 18, 1805; *Daniel*, Feb. 11, 1796; *Levinah*, June 28, 1798, and m. Leonard W. Stowell of Worcester; *Clarissa*, May 1, 1800, and d. April 13, 1826, at Worcester, where also his wife, Elizabeth, d. Jan. 19, 1828, aged 61. He had, a few years previous, removed with his family to Worcester. His second wife was Lucretia Story of Norwich, Ct.

GODDARD, DANIEL, Jr. (s. of Daniel) m. Mercy Puffer of Sudbury, in 1790; both ad. to the chh. here in 1791. He d. Oct. 3, 1795, aged 31. Chil. *James Puffer*, b. Feb. 2, 1791, and d. infant; *Mary Willard*, March 26, 1792; *Harriet Miriam*, Aug. 23, 1794. His wid., Mercy, m. —— Conant of Sterling.

GODDARD, Hon. CALVIN, (s. of Daniel, Sen.) grad. D. C., 1786, settled in Plainfield, Ct., and removed thence to Norwich; Mem. Con. several years, and resigned in 1805; Judge of the Supreme Court, &c., m. Alice Hart of Plainfield, Ct. Chil. *Charles*, *George*, *James*, *Hart*, *Alice*, and *Julia*.

GODDARD, HEZEKIAH (s. of Daniel, Sen.) settled in New London, and m. Phebe Halsey, Feb. 8, 1795. Chil. *Jer-*

emiah Halsey, Paulina, and *George*. His wife, Phebe, d. in 1803. He m. Sarah Ayres Halsey in 1805. Child, *Hezekiah W.*—His wife, Sarah, d. in 1808; and, in 1810, he m. Eunice Rathbone. Chil. *Eunice R., John Calvin, James Edward, Julia, George W.*, and *Sarah Wells*.

GODDARD, PERLY (s. of Luther) m. Sarah Crosby of Brookfield, Sept. 3, 1815. Chil. *Charles Crosby*, b. Aug. 1, 1816, and d. April 30, 1824; *Maria E.*, Nov. 20, 1818, and d. Oct. 6, 1821; *Samuel B. Ingersoll*, Sept. 5, 1821; *George Otis*, April 8, 1823, and d. Feb. 17, 1824; *Maria E.*, May 13, 1825, and d. in 1831; *Sarah Clarissa*, Oct. 11, 1826, and d. in 1827; *Sarah Crosby*, Aug. 4, 1829; *Charles Otis*, and *Eliza Jane*. Removed to Worcester about 1825.

GODDARD, DANIEL (s. of Luther) settled in Worcester, and m. Sarah Whitney in 1820. Chil. *Caroline E., Sarah M., Luther D., Lucy A.*, and *Charles A*.

GODDARD, SAMUEL (s. of Dea. Benjamin) m. Rebecca Davis of Holden, in 1804. Chil. *John Davis*, b. March 6, 1805; *Rebecca Hubbard*, Aug. 6, 1807, and d. Sept. 8, 1810; *Rebecca Brigham*, March 3, 1812, and d. Nov. 12, 1829; *Grace Fiske*.

GODDARD, BENJAMIN, Jr. (s. of Dea. Benjamin) m. Martha, D. of Reuben Holland, Jan. 6, 1805. Chil. *Hannah Williams*, b. Nov. 26, 1805; *Asa Holland*, Feb. 9, 1807; *Esther*, April 8, 1809; *Lucy Chase*, Oct. 26, 1811; *George*, Aug. 24, 1814; *Sarah*, Nov. 27, 1816. He removed, with his family, to Holden.

GODDARD, GEORGE SUMNER (s. of Dea. Benjamin) settled in Boston; m. Sarah Pond, and d. Dec. 21, 1831, aged 42. Chil. *Benjamin, Frances Ann, Sarah, Elizabeth, Harriet S., George S., Henry Augustus, Lucy Maria*, and *Edward*.

GODDARD, ARTEMAS (s. of Dea. Benjamin) m. Cynthia R Newton, June 17, 1827. Chil. *Catharine Larmira*, b. Oct. 19, 1827; *Caroline Maria*, April 19, 1829; *Benjamin Fiske*, July 26, 1831; *Sarah Elizabeth*, Aug. 29, 1836.

GODDARD, JOHN D. (s. of Samuel) m. Sarah Johnson of Westboro', in 1830. She d. March 14, 1833, aged 25. Child, *Zeruiah Johnson*, b. May 18, 1831. His second wife was Zeruiah, sister of his first wife, and d. Jan. 20, 1842, aged 33. Chil. *Luther Maynard*, b. Feb. 26, 1835; *Sarah Rebecca*, Nov. 17, 1836; *Mary Parker*, May 8, 1838; *Henry Lyman*, June 9, 1840. His third wife was Louisa Bullard, a widow, of Westboro'. Child, *Caroline Grace*, b. Aug. 29, 1843.

GODDARD, WILLIAM (s. of Edward, of Framingham) appears to have resided here before any of his brothers except Edward; he and his wife, Keziah, made a profession of religion here, and had *Mary*, b. Jan. 2, 1728, and bap. here in March of that year. who, while living with her uncle Edward, m., March 15, 1754, Benjamin Kimball of Brookfield; and, in a few years afterwards, Daniel Gilbert of Brookfield. Nothing more is known of this family.

GODDARD, JOHN and his wife, Lucy, had *Olive*, b. Feb. 18, 1778.

GODDARD, GARDNER m. Sarah, D. of Joshua Wheelock, in 1809. Chil. *Samuel Warren*, b. Oct. 15, 1810; *Charles*, May 30, 1812; *Sophia*, Nov. 1, 1813; *Asenath*, April 4, 1816; *Sarah*, May 4, 1818; *Samuel Gardner*, Sept. 29, 1820; *Abigail Williams*, Feb. 17, 1824; *Lucretia*, Sept. 18, 1825; *Frederick Oscar* and *Francis Orrison*, Dec. 23, 1827.

GARFIELD, JOHN m. Ruth Pratt of Westboro', Sept. 21, 1738; whether she was his first wife, and when he settled here, does not appear; her age was 37, when married; he d., it is said, April 30, 1780, and had no children. His wid., Ruth, d.

May 1, 1806, aged 105 years and 2 months, being the oldest person that has d. in this town. Her age was about 80 at the time of her husband's death, which makes it probable he was past that age when he d.

GARFIELD, DANIEL (perhaps a bro. of John) whose wife was Mary, was ad. to chh. here in 1728, and was living on house lot, No. 10, in 1729. He probably came here with a family. Chil. *Elizabeth*, who was admitted to this chh. in 1738, and d. Feb. 5, 1740; her birth not on record here; the following are, viz: *Daniel*, b. April 16, 1722; *Ebenezer*, June 23, 1724; *Mary*, April 13, 1727, ad. to chh. 1742; *Moses*, April 4, 1729; *Aaron*, Oct. 22, 1736.

Daniel Garfield, d. July 15, 1757, aged 69; and his wid., Mary, Jan. 10, 1767, aged 76. Hence it appears he was b. about 1688, and his wife, 1691.

GARFIELD, DANIEL (s. sup. of Daniel) m. Anna Newton, called then of this town, Dec. 25, 1743. Daniel Garfield, *Jr.*, ad. to chh. here in 1742. Chil. *Artemas*, b. Feb. 7, 1746, and d. infant; *Elizabeth*, Feb. 27, 1747, d. the next year; *Elizabeth*, April 7, 1749, d. 1750; *Anna*, (her birth not on record here, but at Westboro') Dec. 15, 1751.

GARFIELD, EBENEZER (s. of Daniel, Sen.) m. Mary Graves, Sept. 17, 1745, and d. May 12, 1799, aged 77; and his wid., Mary, Sept. 26, 1799, aged 73. Chil. *Miriam*, (not recorded here, but at Westboro') b. April 13, 1747, and d. here, Nov. 23, 1750; *Mary*, here, Nov. 28, 1748, bap. here in Jan. 1749, and d., unm., June 20, 1825, aged 77; *Deborah*, Oct. 16, 1750; *Phebe*, Sept. 25, 1751; *Ebenezer*, bap. Nov. 26, 1752; *Abijah*, b. May 1, 1754; *Daniel*, May 2, 1756; *Rachel*, July 20, 1758, and m. Ezra Hastings, April 29, 1779; *Esther*, Sept. 28, 1760, and m. Isaac Peirce of Sutton, June 17, 1779.

GARFIELD, MOSES (s. of Daniel, Sen.) m. Sarah Writford, Jan. 19, 1749. Chil. *Joshua*, b. Dec. 23, 1751; *Elizabeth*, Feb. 10, 1754; *Joseph*, June 10, 1756; went to Warwick, and, in 1778, was pub. to Elizabeth Brewer, of this town; *John*, Aug. 14, 1759.

GARFIELD, AARON, (s. of Daniel, Sen.) whose wife was Mary, had *Deborah*, b. March 16, 1761; *Ruth*, March 10, 176–.

GARFIELD, ABIJAH, (s. of Ebenezer) m. Lydia Carruth of Northboro' in 1779; he d. April 24, 1843, aged 87; his wife, Lydia, Jan 12, 1831, aged 73. Chil. *Ebenezer*, b. March 29, 1780, and d. July 16, 1833; *Abijah*, Nov. 16, 1781, and d., unm., Oct. 6, 1806; *William*, Nov. 27, 1783; *Joel*, June 19, 1786; *Russell*, Oct. 19, 1788; *Mary*, (so called on the town, but Sarah, on the chh. records, the latter probably an error) April 3, 1791; *Lydia*, Aug. 25, 1793, and m. John Bliss in 1816; *Esther*, Dec. 20, 1795, and d. Nov. 6, 1843; *Nathan*, Oct. 11, 1797; *Jonas*, Dec. 18, 1799.

GARFIELD, DANIEL, (s. of Ebenezer) whose wife was Elizabeth, (said to have been Elizabeth *Brewer;* it may have been so; there may have been two of this name; the record is, that *Joseph* Garfield was pub. to Elizabeth Brewer, in 1778) had *Daniel*, b. March 4, 1780; and *Elizabeth*, Feb. 3, 1782. It is said he went to Charleston, and entered the service of the U. S. as surgeon's mate.

GARFIELD, WILLIAM (s. of Abijah) m. Mary, D. of John Cary, Nov. 30, 1815, and d. Oct. 1, 1842, aged 59. Chil. *Caroline Esther*, b. Nov. 24, 1816, and m. Henry Slade; *William Henry*, July 23, 1821.

GARFIELD, JOEL (s. of Abijah) m. Louisa Stimson. Chil. *Lydia O.*, b. Nov. 14, 1815, and m. Anson Bangs; *Ebenezer Manning*, March 1, 1818; *Fanny Sophia*, Aug. 24,

1820; *Sarah Maria*, 1822, and d. in 1825; *James William*, July 22, 1826; *Frederick Henry*, Nov. 8, 1828.

GARFIELD, RUSSELL (s. of Abijah) m. Abigail, D. of Elzaphan Plympton, Jan. 14, 1814; she d. June 7, 1835, aged 46. Chil. *Elvira*, b. Jan. 6, 1815; *Abigail Plympton*, Feb. 5, 1819; *Nancy A.*, June 5, 1821; *Susan M.*, Aug. 10, 1823.

GARFIELD, NATHAN (s. of Abijah) m. Emily, D. of Caleb Chase of Sutton, and d. June 28, 1831, aged 34. Chil. *Emily Ardelia*, b. Dec. 3, 1826, and m. Addison Eaton of Sutton; *Salina Ann*, Aug. 2, 1827. His wid., Emily, m. Nahum Roland Hapgood.

GARFIELD, JONAS, (s. of Abijah) whose wife was Rhoda, had *Lydia Orilia*, b. Feb. 12, 1834, and *Nathan Baldwin*, Jan. 12, 1836.

This name is sometimes written *Gaffield*.

It seems to be understood by some, but whether from records or tradition I do not learn, that John and Ebenezer Garfield were brothers and sons of Ebenezer, from England. Neither the town nor chh. records here furnish any evidence of an Ebenezer Garfield having been here prior to Ebenezer, son of Daniel. It is said, those of that name, who first settled here, came from Watertown. I cannot find one of the name of Ebenezer, in the records of any town in Middlesex Co., and I have copies of them, from 1630 to a late period, in 41 towns. It appears certain that Ebenezer, who d. here in 1799, aged 77, was son of Daniel, who was here as soon, at least, as 1728, and b. in 1688, probably in Watertown. Daniel *may* have been the son of Benjamin, by his second wife, Elizabeth Bridge, whom he there m. Jan. 17, 1677. Their chil. were, Elizabeth, b. in 1679; Thomas, in 1680; Anna, in 1683, and Mehitable, in 1687. This does not reach *Daniel*, but it comes near to the period of his birth. He may have been their next child, but I do not find his birth. At that time, Samuel and Joseph Garfield were in Watertown, having families; probably brothers of Benjamin. Samuel, whose wife was Mary, had Elizabeth, b. in 1658; John, in 1664; Ruth, in 1666; Lydia, in 1668; Daniel, in 1670, who d. in 1683; Mary, in 1673, and Elizabeth, in 1676. The father of these children d. in 1684. Joseph, (brother of Samuel) whose wife was Sarah, had Edward, b. in 1664; Sarah, in 1673; Jerusha, in 1677; Rebecca, in 1683; and Grace, in 1688. Benjamin, Samuel and Joseph were probably sons of Edward, of Watertown, who was made freeman in 1635, and whose wife was Rebecca. She d. in 1661, aged 55. They were from England. Their D., Rebecca, b. March 18, 1640, m. Isaac Mixer, in Watertown, Jan. 10, 1660, some of whose descendants settled here.

GOODENOW, DAVID was living on house lot, No. 2, in 1728. Chil. *Timothy*, b. Aug. 7, 1728; *Sarah*, May 11, 1730, and *Dinah*, March 14, 1732. The name of his wife is not on the records of births, but believed to have been Dorothy, a second wife.*

GOODENOW, THOMAS, (sup. came from Westboro', and to have been b. in 1738, and s. of Thomas, whose wife was Persis Rice. The latter Thomas was son of Samuel and Sarah, and b. in Marlboro', in 1709) whose wife was Abigail, had *Thomas*, b. Oct. 21, 1770; *Perly*, bap. April 28, 1776, and d. infant; *Perly*, bap. April 12, 1778.

GOODENOW, LEVI (sup. from Westboro', and to have been b. in 1737, and s. of Jonathan and Lydia) m. Meliscent, D. of James Keyes, June 8, 1762. Chil. *Elmer*, b. Jan. 27, 1764. It appears by the record of his baptism, that the parents were, in 1765, in covenant relation with the chh. in Marlboro'; *James Keyes*, bap. April 19, 1767; *Jonas*, bap. Oct. 25, 1768.

GOODENOW, JONAS, afterwards Deacon, and s. of Peter, m. Mary, D. of Nathaniel Davenport, Jan. 29, 1767. Chil. *Elijah*, who d. in N. H.; *Abel Moore*, b. May 28, 1769, and m. Amelia (Anitia, on the record) Fassett, April 5, 1790; *Nathaniel*, Nov. 20, 1771; *Mary*, Oct. 9, 1773, and d. in N. H.; *Jonas*, Jan. 6, 1776, and d. Jan. 27, 1783; *Dorothy*, Feb. 24, 1778; *Jedediah*, May 6, 1780, and d. in Pennsylvania; *Lucy*, Jan. 3, 1783, and d. in Ohio; *Jonas*. Feb. 11, 1785; *Tamar*, who was recently living in Ohio, and *Joseph*, sup. murdered in Illinois.

* His first wife is sup. to have been Dinah Fay of Westboro', whom he m. Nov. 8, 1722, and had Samuel b. in Marlboro', in 1723; if so, he was the son of Samuel, and b. in 1678. His father (b. in Sudbury in 1645, of Thomas and Jane) d. Aug. 2, 1723, aged 79. There were several families of this name, who were early settlers in Marlboro', from Sudbury.

GOODENOW, RUFUS E. (from Boylston) m. Mary Almira, D. of Eddy Tucker. Chil. *Martha Missouri*, b. June 30, 1838; *Marcus Morton*, Feb. 5, 1840.

James Goodenow m. Elizabeth Crossett, July 4, 1763.

Jonathan Goodenow m. Eunice Hastings of Lancaster, May 6, 1761.

Mitte Goodenow m. King Howe, in 1785.

GOODALE, EDWARD (s. of Benjamin, of Marlboro') b. 1715, and whose wife was Sarah, d. in 1760. Chil. *Moses*, b. Sept. 9, 1739; *Elizabeth*, March 13, 1741, and m. Robert Smith of Worcester, Dec. 16, 1767; *Peter*, Feb. 1, 1745, and d. infant; *Paul*, March 9, 1747; *Peter*, Dec. 12, 1751.

The name of Goodale, many years since, was written Goodall, and, sometimes, Goodell.

GOODALE, ENOS m. Mary Angier, in Marlboro', Nov. 16, 1736, and came here from Marlboro', where the births of his three first children are recorded, viz: *Sarah*, b. in 1737; *Ebenezer*, in 1739, and *Mary*, in 1741, and m. William Brewer, Jr., Nov. 22, 1764. The following are recorded here, viz: *Ezekiel*, b. Sept. 8, 1743; *Enos*, March 28, 1746; *Miriam*, March 3, 1748, and m. Ebenezer Drury, Jr. of Temple, N. H, in 1768; *Persis*, June 19, 1750; *Elijah*, Oct. 20, 1753, and who, it is said, with some others of the family, removed with their father to N. H.

GOODALE, AARON m. Eunice Marshall of Holden, in 1767. Chil. *Eunice*, b. Jan. 20, 1769; *Lois*, Nov. 8, 1770; *Edward*, June 22, 1772; *Sarah*, Dec. 30, 1773; *Elizabeth*, Aug. 18, 1775; *Lucy*, June 11, 1777; *Aaron*, May 8, 1781; *Hannah*, Oct. 18, 1782; *Abel*, Jan. 1, 1785.

GOODALE, DAVID, (sup. s. of Nathan, and g. s. of John, of Marlboro') b. 1749, and whose wife was Dorothy, had *David*, b. Sept. 10, 1775; *Dorothy*, Sept. 10, 1777; *Ezekiel*, Sept. 24, 1780; *Azubah Newton*, Oct. 16, 1782.

GOODALE, PETER (s. of Edward) m. Abigail, D. of Benjamin Hinds, March 9, 1775. Child, *Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 23, 1775.

GREEN, THOMAS, (perhaps from Malden) whose wife was Mary, was an early settler in this township; she was ad. to the chh. here in 1728. In what part of the town he lived is unknown. Chil., whose births are on record here, *William*, b. Feb. 16, 1722; *Thomas*, March 10, 1724, and bap. here in 1725; *John*, March 2, 1726; *Hannah*, July 8, 1728; *Sarah*, Jan. 31, 1731. He probably removed to Hardwick, as, in 1753, his wife, Mary, was dismissed from here to the chh. there.

GREEN, JACOB (probably a bro. of Thomas) was also among the first settlers here, and living on house lot, No. 9, in 1729; his wife was Elizabeth; he came here, no doubt, with a family. Chil. *William*, b. May 11, 1716; *Elizabeth*, Sept. 6, 1718; *Mary*, July 26, 1720; *Samuel*, March 1, 1723; *David*, March 2, 1725, and bap. 1726; *Abigail*, b. July 11, 1727; *Benjamin*, July 6, 1729; *Jonathan*, Dec. 25, 1730.

Abigail Green, perhaps sister of Jacob, was ad. to this chh. in 1727.

GREEN, JONATHAN, whose wife was Sybil, had *Nathan*, b. Feb. 15, 1745, and *Elizabeth*, July 16, 1747.

GREEN, JONATHAN, (whether the same as above, having a second wife, is not known) whose wife was Dorcas, had *Dorcas*, b. May 15, 1768. Perhaps he was the s. of Jacob.

GREEN, JOHN m. Abigail Barns, (called of this town) April 29, 1798; she was ad. to the chh. here in 1798. Chil. *John Adams*, bap. July 7, 1799; *William*, bap. April 5, 1801. He probably removed to Wrentham, as his wife was dismissed from this chh. to the chh. there, in 1803.

GREEN, NATHANIEL (from Pepperell) m. Lucy, D. of Jonathan Stone, in 1792. Chil. *Nathaniel*, the only one, whose birth was on the town record in 1846, b. Aug. 31, 1792, went to Maine, and m. there; *Emerson*, who was killed in Wisconsin, by the Indians, in the Black Hawk war; *Luther Dexter*, who m. Susan Goddard of Worcester, in 1821; *Lucy*, who m. Joseph H. Whitney, Jan. 5, 1817; *Hannah; Levi; William Adams*, who m. Adaline Whipple of Boylston; she d. Nov. 23, 1840, aged 32; his second wife was —— Goodenow of Boylston; *Cherry Maria*, who m. Almon Allen of Princeton, and next, Capt. Leander Fales; *Charles Otis*. Perhaps all are not named here, and, it may be, these are not in their order.

GREEN, LEVI (s. of Nathaniel) m. Mary, D. of Shepard Pratt, May 11, 1825. Chil. (only one on record in 1840) *Emerson V.*, b. Feb. 9, 1826.

GREEN, CHARLES OTIS (s. of Nathaniel) m. Caroline Knowlton of Holden. Chil. *Charles Otis*, b. May 18, 1841; *Maria Allen*, b. Sept. 24, 1842.

GREEN, SAMUEL (s. of Dr. Green of Concord, N. H.) m. Fanny Harwood, D. of the second wife of Daniel Goddard, Sen., in 1803. Chil. *Mary Eddy*, b. Dec. 4, 1803; *Samuel Ayres*, Nov. 21, 1805; *William Henry*, Aug. 31, 1808; *Charles Thomas*, bap. Sept. 15, 1811. Removed to N. Y. about 1813.

GLAZIER, JOSEPH m. Eunice Newton, in the N. P., Oct. 15, 1744. Chil. *Eunice*, b. Aug. 18, 1745, and d. in 1746; *Persis*, April 7, 1747; *Aaron*, Nov. 3, 1748, and d. in 1749; *Eunice*, March 13, 1750; *Levinah*, May 9, 1752; *Olive*, Oct. 18, 1754; *Aaron*, Aug. 4, 1756; *Calvin*, March 18, 1759; *Sophia*, Sept. 25, 1761; *Candace*, May 29, 1764; *Eliakim*, Dec., 1766.

GLAZIER, JOHN, whose wife was Sarah, D. of Isaac Temple, and m. Oct. 21, 1765, had *Smyrna*, b. March 5, 1767.

GLAZIER, CALVIN (s. of Joseph) m. Lydia Peirce of Worcester, in 1780. Chil. *Sewell*, b. July 1, 1782, and *Emery*, April 28, 1783.

Jacob Glazier m. Mary Whitcomb of Sterling, in 1782.

Oliver Glazier was pub. to Rachel, D. of Stephen Hastings, March 11, 1785.

The Glazier families lived in the N. P.

GALE, JONATHAN m. Margaret, D. of William Crawford, March 10, 1757. Chil. *Abigail*, b. Feb. 9, 1758, and m. Joshua Stiles of Princeton, in 1781; *Eli*, June 3, 1760; *Jonas*, Sept. 26, 1762; *Rhoda*, Nov. 26, 1764; *John* and *Elizabeth*, July 31, 1767.

GALE, ABRAHAM m. Abigail Rice of Worcester, in 1769. Chil. *Mary*, Feb. 7, 1773, and *John*, April 6, 1774. Removed, probably, to Princeton.

GOULDING, ABEL, probably from Worcester,* m. Kezia Johnson of Southboro', May 9, 1769. Such is the Middlesex Co. record. Perhaps an error in transcribing, and should be 1767. He lived on the south side of the old post road, near the entrance of the road to Holden. When he came here is uncertain, but probably with a family, as the births of his children, except the last, appear to have been entered on the record here, at one and the same time, and are as follows, viz: *Abigail*, b. Jan. 9, 1769; *Palmer*, April 10, 1770; *Lydia*, April 10, 1772, and m. John Baker, in 1793; *Lucy*, Jan. 13, 1774, and m. John Miller of Westminster, June 12, 1799; *Martha*, March 11, 1777, and m. William Rice of Worcester, in 1799; *Zilpah*,

* Where was Peter Goulding in 1684, and Palmer Goulding in 1718. William *Golding* was in Boston in 1646. Perhaps Goulding was originally Golding; if so, how it came there is matter for conjecture.

March 11, 1780; *Palmer*, Oct. 26, 1784; *Viclaty*, June 11, 1787; *Relief*, Jan. 16, 1789, and m. Charles Taylor Fay, in 1812; *John*, Dec. 22, 1791. His wife, Kezia, it is said, d. in 1805, aged about 56. In 1806, he m. Elizabeth Foster, a widow, of Berlin, and d. Dec. 6, 1817, aged 79. His is the only death in the family that is found on record. His wid., Elizabeth, m. Jed. Tucker, March 9, 1824.

GATES, HEZEKIAH, who was on house lot, No. 29, in 1734, probably removed to Lancaster. There is nothing on record here relating to a single individual of his family.

GOSS, REUBEN, from Westboro', m, Martha Drury, here, Sept. 10, 1764, and lived, probably, in the N. P. Chil. *Calvin*, b. Dec. 31, 1764; *Mary*, Oct 3. 1766; *William*, Oct. 21, 1768; *Lois*, Oct. 30, 1770; *Ohio*, Jan 22, 1774; *John*, Jan. 29, 1779; *Lucy*, Oct. 4, 1781; *Anna*, May 9, 1784.

William Goss m. Elizabeth Pike, Nov. 8, 1759, both called of this town.

GLEASON, THOMAS, the name of his wife not on record, had *Susanna* and *Isaac* bap. here, April 18, 1725. The parents owned the covenant at that time. Nothing more is known of him.

GLEASON, ISAAC, whose wife was Mary, had *Elizabeth*, b. at Cambridge, Oct. 20, 1757; *Eliab*, here, Nov. 19, 1759; *Winsor*, Feb. 18, 1762. Removed, sup., to Worcester.

GRIMES, ANDREW, who was of Lancaster, m. Elizabeth Hagar, Oct. 26, 1775. Chil. *Joseph*, b. March 1, 1776; *Andrew*, Oct. 1, 1777; *James*, Feb. 12, 1779; *John*, May 5, 1780; *Asa*, Sept. 26, 1781.

GRAVES, CRISPUS m. Sarah, D. of Joseph Muzzy, Dec. 8, 1790. Child, *Zachariah*, bap. June 30, 1793.

Sarah Graves m. Amos Rice of Northboro', May 8, 1766. He was father of Asaph Rice, of that town.

Catharine Graves was pub. to Daniel Tombs, both called of this town, Aug. 21, 1773; *n. g.;* she forbade the banns, saying, what had been done was without her consent or knowledge.

GODFREY, DANIEL (Goodfrey on the record, name of his wife unknown) had *Daniel*, bap. Jan. 6, 1782; *Anna*, bap. May 25, 1783.

GRAY, SAMUEL, who m. Lucy, D. of Stephen Johnson, April 13, 1815; came here from Westboro', about 1821. She d. Feb. 20, 1822, aged 26. His second wife was Mary M. Davenport, a widow, of West Boylston, whom he m. Feb 9, 1824. She d. July 2, 1825, aged 38. His third wife was Martha R. Erwin, a wid., whom he m. Oct. 16, 1826.

HEYWOOD, PHINEAS * (s. of Deacon John) was b. in Concord, July 18, 1707, and came here with a family about 1739; his wife was Elizabeth. He lived in the N. W. part of the town, where his descendants yet reside. He d. March 20, 1776, aged 69, and his wid., Elizabeth, June 2, 1797, aged 86. Chil. *Mary*, who m. Samuel Jennison in 1755; *Seth; Timothy*, the first recorded here, b. Feb. 12, 1740; *Keziah*, April 30,

* He was Selectman, Rep., &c., and one of fifteen Grand Jurors, who, in April, 1774, refused, and, in a writing by them signed and presented to the Associate Justices of the S. J. Court at Worcester, protested against being empannelled, if Chief Justice Oliver should be present on the bench; "because (said they) we apprehend it would be highly injurious to subject a fellow countryman to a trial at a bar, where one of the Judges is convicted, in the minds of the people, of a crime, more heinous, in all probability, than any that might come before him." The protest was publicly read by the Clerk; the Court (four Judges then on the bench) deliberated, and, at length, informed the jury, that it was not probable that the Chief Justice would attend to take his seat. They retired and consulted, and, after some delay, returned and were empannelled. *The Chief Justice did not appear at Court.* His "*crime*" was political; he carried matters with a high hand, and for a short time, buffetted the tempest he had helped to raise. The other Judges, in the meantime, were conciliatory.

He was also one of the town's Committee of Correspondence in 1774 and 1775, but lived only to enter upon that perilous contest that soon after followed.

1742, and m. Bezaleel Howe of Marlboro', in 1774; *Phineas*, July 29, 1744; *Benjamin*, Oct. 25, 1746; *Nathaniel*, bap. Nov. 13, 1748; *John*, bap. May 5, 1751, and d. in 1756; *Levi*, b. May 12, 1753, and settled in Gardner, where he had Levi, afterwards Counsellor at Law in Worcester, who there m. Nancy Healey.

HEYWOOD, SETH (s. sup. of Phineas) m. Martha, D. of Isaac Temple, Aug. 24, 1762. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 27, 1762; *John*, Dec. 8, 1764.

Deborah Heywood m. David Bigelow of Worcester in 1763.

HEYWOOD, PHINEAS, Jr. (s. of Phineas) m. Kezia, D. of Jabez Snow of Westboro', May 19, 1772. She d. Feb. 20, 1775. Child, *Kezia*, b. Sept. 21, 1773. He next m. Persis, D. of Bezaleel Eager of Northboro', and G. D. of Col. Nahum Ward, March 18, 1777.

HEYWOOD, Hon. BENJAMIN (s. of Phineas, Sen.) H. U., 1775; in 1776, appointed Captain, and served through the war; was at the capture of Burgoyne, &c.; settled in Worcester, and, from 1802 to 1811, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He m. Mehitable, D. of Elisha Goddard of Sutton, and d. in Worcester, Dec. 6, 1816, aged 70. Chil. *Mehitable*; *Nathaniel Moore*, b. in 1788, m. Caroline Sumner of Boston, in 1816, and d. at Richmond, Va.; *Elizabeth*; *Benjamin Franklin*, who m. Nancy, D. of Dr. John Green of Worcester; *Joseph*, *Lucy*, and *Nancy*.

HEYWOOD, NATHANIEL (s. of Phineas, Sen.) m. Hannah Curtis of Worcester, and lived on the homestead, where his wife, Hannah d. March 25, 1792, aged 35. Chil. *Levi*, b. Sept. 22, 1777, and d. Sept. 17, 1804; *Nathaniel*, Feb. 6, 1780, and d. Oct. 7, 1836; *Benjamin*, March 29, 1782; *John*, Aug. 24, 1784; *Phineas*, May 4, 1788; *Daniel*, Nov. 17, 1790, and d. Dec. 20, 1802. His second wife was Mary

Chamberlain of Worcester, whom he m. July 1, 1793; she d. Nov. 21, 1802, aged 39, and he, Nov. 18, 1834, aged 86. Chil. *Hannah*, b. Feb. 9, 1794; *Daniel*, March 9, 1796; *Marietta*, March 9, 1802, and m. Elijah Stow of Grafton, Jan. 1, 1828.

HEYWOOD, PHINEAS (s. of Nathaniel) m. Alice, D. of Capt. Seth Pratt; she d. in 1812, aged 21.

HEYWOOD, DANIEL (s. of Nathaniel) m. Maria Brooks of Princeton, in 1824. Chil. *John Brooks*, b. Aug. 8, 1825; *George Chamberlain*, June 18, 1827, and d. young; *Charles Leland*, Oct. 21, 1828; *George C.*, June 17, 1832; *Edwin C.*, Sept. 27, 1836; *Henry Adams*, June 23, 1842.

HASTINGS, DANIEL,* from Watertown, where he m. Sarah Ball, Aug. 5, 1724, was on house lot No. 41, in 1729; she was ad. to chh. here in 1736. He d. July 4, 1777; age unknown. Chil. *Hannah*, b. July 26, 1729, and d. Nov. 15,

* "John Hastings (says *Farmer*) from England, with two sons, Walter and Samuel, b. there, was in Braintree, freeman, 1645; where two others, John and Seaborn, were bap., and removed to Cambridge in 1656." Probably he is the one who d. in Cam. in 1657, and may have been bro. of Thomas, of Watertown—Walter m. Sarah Meen in 1655, and had John in 1660, and Jonathan in 1672, and others, who d. young. Samuel m. Mary Meen in 1661, and had Mary, b. in 1662; John, 1664; Samuel, 1668; Stephen, 1669; Nathaniel, 1673; Daniel, 1675, and d. 1676; Caleb, 1677. Stephen, above named, d. in Cam. Sept. 24, 1726, aged 59.

John, 3d son, m. Hannah Moore in Cam. in 1666, and had John, b. 1667; the mother d. that year; his 2d wife was Lydia Champney, whom he m. there in 1668, and had Joseph, b. in 1669, and Daniel, in 1677; the mother d. in 1691, aged 48; John, his son, d. in 1691, aged 25.

"Thomas Hastings, (says *Farmer*) freeman, 1635, was Deacon of the chh. in Watertown." The first I find of the name in Mid. Co. Rec. as being in Watertown, is Thomas, whose wife was Margaret; they had Joseph b. there in 1657; Benjamin, in 1659; Nathaniel, 1661; Samuel, in 1665; and perhaps others. Ruth, the first wife of his son Joseph, d. there in 1682, who there m. Martha Shepard, in 1684.

The following were no doubt descendants of John or Thomas; the ancestors of those, who settled in Shrewsbury. John, who m. Abigail Hammond in Newton, in 1679. Thomas, who m. Abigail Tarbell, in Watertown, in 1693. John, who m. Mercy or Mary Ward in Newton, in 1725. Benjamin, who m. Abigail Sawtel in Watertown, in 1743.

1736; *Daniel*, July 5, 1732; *Elizabeth*, bap. in 1734, and d. in 1736; *John*, Nov. 3, 1735, and d. Oct. 11, 1736; *Elizabeth*, Nov. 11, 1736; *John*, Aug. 27, 1737; *David*, Jan. 19 1740; *Hannah*, April 14, 1742, and m. Solomon Newton, in 1762; and probably *Stephen* and *Sarah*, b. before the parents came here; the latter m. Samuel Holland, May 9, 1745.

HASTINGS, STEPHEN (s. sup. of Daniel) m. Martha Walker, June 16, 1757. Chil. *Rachel*, b. Aug. 21, 1764, and m. Oliver Glazier, in 1785; *Timothy*, May 1, 1773, and d. infant; *Sarah*, Sept. —, 1775; *Martha*, April 9, 1778.

HASTINGS, DANIEL, Jr. (s. of Daniel) m. Priscilla, D. of Henry Keyes, Aug. 16, 1753. Child, *Ruth*, b. Jan. 2, 1754; removed, sup. to Petersham.

HASTINGS, JOHN (s. of Daniel) m. Elizabeth Howe of Lancaster, May 25, 1762; lived in the N. P. and d., it is said, in Boylston. Chil. *Eliakim*, b. Feb. 7, 1763; *Elizabeth*, April 19, 1765, and m. David Fay; *John*, May 3, 1768; *Stephen*, Sept. 21, 1771; *Alice*, July 29, 1776; *Reuben*, Jan. 15, 1784.

HASTINGS, DAVID (s. of Daniel) m. Dinah Williams in 1765, and d. in Boylston. Chil. *Abigail*, b. May 20, 1766; *Benjamin*, May 9, 1768; *David*, July 9, 1770, and m. Elizabeth, D. of Joseph Eager; *Susanna*, Nov. 3, 1772; *Nathan*, May 1, 1776, and d. infant; *Nathan*, March 24, 1778; *Lucy*, Feb. 21, 1783.

HASTINGS, ELIAKIM (s. of John) m. Patience Moore, or Morse, in 1782. Chil. *Patience*, b. Oct. 31, 1782; *Eliakim*, Sept. 21, 1784.

Of the six next following heads of families of this name I know not whose sons they were.

HASTINGS, NATHANIEL, the name of whose wife is not on record, had *Jonathan*, bap. here, Oct. 28, 1744.

HASTINGS, SAMUEL, m. Anna, D. of Capt. Jos. Bigelow, Oct. 26, 1757. Child, *Stephen*, b. Jan. 5, 1758.

HASTINGS, NATHAN, m. Lois Rice of Worcester, in 1767. Chil. *Mary*, b. Dec. 12, 1768; *Benjamin*, bap. Sept. 1, 1770.

HASTINGS, NATHANIEL, whose wife's name is not on record, had *Mary*, bap. Jan. 29, 1769; the parents at that time owned the covenant.

HASTINGS, MOSES, said to have been of Brookfield, m. Abigail, D. of William Taylor, April 25, 1739; she was ad. to the chh. in 1742. He sold his farm to Col. Nahum Ward about 1745, who, in 1751, conveyed it to his son, Artemas, who sold it to the Rev. Mr. Sumner, who resided there through life. Chil. *Rebecca*, b. Dec. 20, 1739; *Catharine*, Jan. 10, 1741; *Bulah*, Jan. 17, 1747; *Neverson*, April 19, 1749. The father d. June 10, 1767, aged 52; his wid. Abigail, m. Samuel Bigelow, May 7, 1770.

HASTINGS, JOSEPH, of Waltham, m. Hannah Hastings of Watertown, July 10, 1744; when he settled here does not appear. She was ad. to the chh. here, from that in Watertown, in 1772; and he from the chh. in Waltham, in 1775. Some of their first chil. have not their births recorded here, viz. *Hannah*, who m. William Knowlton in 1764; and *Joseph*. The following are on record here: *Isaac*, b. April 5, 1751, and sup. went to Gerry, now Phillipston; *Martha*, April 10, 1753, and m. Elijah Southgate of Leicester, Jan. 19, 1774; *Jonas*, Sept. 23, 1755; *Ezra*, bap. Dec. 1759, and m. Rachel Garfield, April 29, 1779; *Ruth*, bap. March 20, 1763, and m. John Brocas, in 1784; *Lydia*, bap. March 20, 1763. and m. Elmer Cushing, in 1783. This family resided where Capt. Daniel Fales now lives. Joseph Hastings, the father, in the latter part of his life, was very deaf; when at meeting, on the Sabbath, he sat in the pulpit,

using an ear trumpet, that extended near to the preacher's mouth. He d. Feb. 1, 1805, aged 83, and his wid. Hannah, March 25, 1808, aged 84.

HASTINGS, JONATHAN, (s. of Nathaniel) m. Mary Fay of Northboro', lived in Boylston, and had chil., *Fay*, *Jonathan*, *Luther*, *John* and *Mary*.

HASTINGS, JOSEPH, Jr. (s. of Joseph) m. Catharine Joslin of Westboro', Nov. 15, 1770; both ad. to the chh. here 1783. No names of children on record. He d. July 13, 1796, aged 47; his wid. Catharine, m. Joseph Whipple of Grafton, Oct. 15, 1797, survived him, and d. here Dec. 29, 1840, aged 91.

HASTINGS, JONAS (s. of Joseph) m. Lucy, D. of Daniel Johnson, May 24, 1781, and d. Sept. 1846, aged 91; his wife, Lucy, d. May 4, 1826, aged 72. Chil. *Rufus*, b. March 8, 1782, and d. unm. in Charlton; *John Holland*, May 11, 1784, and d. May 5, 1799; *Lyman*, May 1, 1786, and d. unm. Nov. 20, 1822; *Jonas*, Aug. 11, 1788, and d. unm. Dec. 28, 1828; *Lucy*, April 11, 1791; *Ruth*, Nov. 17, 1793, and d. Sept. 2, 1796; *Joseph Southgate*, June 8, 1796, and m. Joanna Newton, of Westboro'; *John Holland*, May 5, 1799, and d. young.

HALL, THOMAS, whose wife was Abigail, came here from Marlboro'; he had previously lived in Concord. It appears by the records in Marlboro', that he had a family of children when he left there, viz: *Abigail*, b. in 1711, at Concord; *John*, in 1714; *Thomas*, in 1716, and *David*, in 1718, in Marlboro'. He was one of the founder of the chh. here, and was living on house lot No. 23, in 1729. His chil. b. here were *Jonathan*, May 12, 1721; *Benajah*, March 10, 1724, and *Elizabeth*, Nov. 12, 1727. The parents were dismissed to the chh. in Dudley, in 1735.

HALL, JAMES, m. Silence, D. of Hollis Parker, Oct. 11, 1811; she d. April 20, 1832, aged 45. About the year 1828,

he fell from near the top of the spire upon the roof of a meeting house he was building in Sutton, and so indented it, by breaking one of the rafters, as to obtain a lodgment there, until relieved; he was not sensibly injured, but soon went about his work. It is said he fell some years after from another building and broke his neck. Chil. *Sarah Z.*, b. Oct. 2, 1813; *Louisa Augusta*, June 28, 1815; *James Munroe*, July 22, 1817; *Anna Parker*, Nov. 13, 1819; *Mary Jane*, Dec. 8, 1821; *William Eustis*, April 26, 1824; *Silence Maria*, April 16, 1832.

HALL, JOSIAH, whose wife's name is not on record, had *Isaac*, bap. May 14, 1780.

HINDS, JACOB, with a family, was from Marlboro', where he m. Grace Morse, Dec. 6, 1716. This name is written *Hins* in the records there; he was living on house lot No. 33, in 1729; his wife was ad. to the chh. here in 1728. Their chil. in Marlboro' were *Tabitha*, b. in 1718, and d. infant; *Sarah*, in 1719; *Abigail*, in 1720, and pub. to Josiah Broad, of Holden, Dec. 9, 1743; *Daniel*, in Shrewsbury, in 1722, and d. here, June 2, 1740; *Joseph*, in 1724. Those on record here, were *Benjamin*, b. July 7, 1725; *Mary*, Aug. 18, 1726; *Tabitha*, Nov. 14, 1727; *Jason*, Dec. 8, 1728, and d. before 1751; David Child was his Administrator. *Elizabeth*, Jan. 22, 1730, and m. Ephraim Temple, May 25, 1752; *Jacob*, Jan. 22, 1731.

HINDS, BENJAMIN (s. of Jacob) m. Elizabeth, D. of Isaac Temple, Oct. 18, 1747. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. March 9, 1748; *Daniel*, April 27, 1749; *Abner*, Oct. 14, 1750; *Abigail*, July 14, 1752, and m. Peter Goodale, in 1774; *Benjamin*, Aug. 29, 1754; *Jason*, Feb. 14, 1756; *Nimrod*, Jan. 22, 1758; *Ashur*, Sept. 11, 1759; *Martha*, Sept. 29, 1760; and, sup. m. Oliver Sawyer, in 1785; *Tabitha*, March 2, 1762.

HINDS, BENJAMIN, m. Tabitha, D. of Ephraim Holland, July 1, 1766; probably the preceding Benjamin, and Tabitha, his 2d wife. Chil. *Jacob*, b. July 21, 1767; *Justin*, March 28, 1770; *Joseph*, July 4, 1772; *Tabitha*, April 14, 1776.

HAPGOOD, Capt. THOMAS (s. of Thomas,* of Marlboro') m. Damaris Hutchins, in Marlboro', Aug. 12, 1724; he was then called of Shrewsbury. She was ad. to the chh. here in 1728; her death is not on record. He d. Oct. 5, 1745, aged 43. Chil. *Ephraim*, b. April 28, 1725, and d. Sept. 1, 1739; *Solomon*, Sept. 20, 1726, and d. July 20, 1740; *Asa*, Dec. 6, 1728; *Elijah*, Jan. 16, 1731, and d. Oct. 5, 1745; *Seth*, Oct. 20, 1732; *Joab*, Jan. 21, 1735; *Damaris*, March 12, 1737, and m. Gideon Howe, in 1756; *John*, Sept. 12, 1739; *David*, Feb. 2, 1742, and d. Oct. 20, 1745; *Eunice*, Aug. 17, 1744, and m. Ebenezer Hartshorne, of Athol, April 20, 1767.

HAPGOOD, ASA (s. of Thomas) m. Anna, D. of Asa Bouker, Dec. 6, 1750. Chil. *Levinah*, b. Feb. 5, 1752; *Thomas*, March 22, 1753; *Elizabeth*, May 6, 1754. He removed to Reading, Vt., thence to Halifax, in that State.

HAPGOOD, SETH (s. of Thomas) m. Lydia, D. of Asa Bouker, in 1757, and settled in Petersham. He was the father of the late *Hutchins* Hapgood, Esq., of that town, who was several years its Representative in the General Court.

HAPGOOD, JOAB (s. of Thomas) m. Abigail, D. of Isaac Stone, June 20, 1765, and d. March 21, 1803, aged 68. His

* He was b. Feb. 1, 1669; and, according to Marlboro' records, d. Oct. 4, 1764, having past his 95th year.

Extract from an English publication of that period—"Died at Marlboro', in New England, in the 94th year of his age, Mr. Thomas Hapgood. His posterity were very numerous; viz. 9 children; 92 grand children; 208 great grand children, and 4 great great grand children; in all, 313. *His* children saw *their* grand children, and *their* grandfather, at the same time."

His wife was Judith, who d. Aug. 15, 1759; their "9 children" were Mary, b. in 1694; Sarah, in 1695; Elizabeth, in 1697; Thomas, 1702; Hepzibah, 1704; John, 1707; Huldah, 1709; and Joseph, in 1714. His brother, Nathaniel, m. Elizabeth, D. of Samuel Ward of Marlboro', 14, 6, 1695, and lived in Stow. They were the sons of Shydrack Hapgood, who came from England, and m. Elizabeth Treadway, of Sudbury, Oct. 21, 1664. He, and four others of a troop of about 20 men, from Concord and its vicinity, accompanying Capt. Hutchinson to treat with the Indians at Quaboag, (Brookfield) were there suddenly shot down by the treacherous enemy, lurking in ambush, and killed on the spot, Aug. 2, 1675.

wid. Abigail, d. Nov. 28, 1804, aged 69. Chil. *Lucy*, b. June 25, 1766, living (1847) and unm.; *Ephraim*, March 1, 1768; *David*, Nov. 25, 1769, and d. unm. Sept. 18, 1829; Nahum, Dec. 7, 1771, and d. Oct. 9, 1789; *Elijah*, Nov. 10, 1773; Stephen, Dec. 14, 1775, and d. Aug. 19, 1778; *Martha*, March 1, 1778, and d. infant.

HAPGOOD, EPHRAIM (s. of Capt. Joab) m. Elizabeth Cunningham, D. of Silas Allen, Feb. 28, 1796, and d. Dec. 17, 1843, aged 76. Chil. *Martha*, b. May 15, 1798, and m. Benjamin Flagg of Boylston; they live on a portion of the farm on which her great grandfather, Thomas, first settled; *Simon Allen*, Aug. 5, 1802, and d. Oct. 5, 1803; *Lucy*, April 27, 1805, and m. Washington Hill of Spencer, Jan. 23, 1834.

HAPGOOD, ELIJAH (s. of Joab) m. Eunice, D. of Reuben Baker, Sept. 26, 1802. She d. Nov. 14, 1841, aged 60. Chil. *Abigail*, b. Oct. 7, 1803, and m. John Roper, Jr. of Princeton, Dec. 14, 1824, and d. there; *Joab*, Sept. 6, 1804; *Lemuel Bemis*, Oct. 12, 1805; *Charlotte*, Aug. 30, 1807; *Nahum Roland*, March 6, 1809, and m. Emily C., wid. of Nathan Garfield; *David Thomas*, Jan. 19, 1813, and d. Aug. 9, 1843; *Lorenzo*, Nov. 9, 1815; *Reuben Leander*, July 10, 1817; *Ephraim Augustine*, Nov. 22, 1823, and m. Nancy Holmes of Grafton.

HAPGOOD, JOAB (s. of Elijah) m. Elizabeth Eager of Northboro', in 1828. Chil. *Abigail Marion*, b. Aug. 27, 1829; *Charles Edward*, Dec. 11, 1830; *Susan Maria*, Oct. 24, 1832; *Lucy Elizabeth*, July 22, 1835; *Walter Joab*, June 25, 1839; *Mary Susan*, July 15, 1841.

HAPGOOD, LEMUEL BEMIS (s. of Elijah) m. Amazonia, D. of George Flagg of Holden. Chil. *Martha Amanda*, b. May 22, 1836; *George Elijah*, Jan. 22, 1838.

HEMENWAY, DANIEL,* sup. originally from Framingham, m. Ruth Bigelow, (sister of Samuel Bigelow, Sen.) June 7, 1743. Both ad. to the chh. here from that in Marlboro', in 1750. She d. May 4, 1768, aged 49. Chil. *Silas*, b. April 6, 1744, not recorded here, but in Marlboro'; the following are on the town record here, viz: *Daniel*, June 24, 1742, (so is the record, perhaps it should be 1748) m. Mary Carryl, Aug. 1, 1770, and settled in Barre; *Susanna*, April 16, 1746, and m. Daniel Rand, Jr. in 1767; *Asa*, Sept. 8, 1750, and settled in Bridport, Vt.; *Jacob*, March 5, 1753, m. Chloe Barrett, in 1780, and, probably, Sarah Saddler of Grafton, Jan. 29, 1789, and removed to Shoreham, Vt.; *Samuel*, Feb. 28, 1756; *Jonas*, Dec. 13, 1758; *Vashni*, Oct. 13, 1761.

He next m. Elizabeth, D. of Zebediah Johnson, Dec. 1, 1768; she d. Oct. 23, 1782, aged 39½. Child, *Philip*, b. June 9, 1776. He next m. in 1783, Abigail, wid. of Nahor Wheelock, and d. Nov. 15, 1794, aged 75.

HEMENWAY, SILAS (s. of Daniel) m. Mary, D. of Zachariah Smith, in 1766, and d. Aug. 12, 1830, aged 86; and his wife, Mary, April 17, 1819, aged 70. Chil. *Susanna*, b. May 10, 1767, and m. Joseph Stratton Temple, in 1786; *Ruth*, Dec. 10, 1769, and m. Levi Jennison, in 1780; *Mary*, April

* He framed the present meeting house in this town, the south one in Worcester, and that in Northboro', in which the Rev. Mr. Whitney long officiated, and many other public buildings; a warm patriot in the time of the Revolution; one of the strong men of the town, and its Delegate in the Convention, that framed the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Ralph Hemenway, Roxbury, freeman, 1634, d. in 1699; had sons, John, b. 1641; Joshua, in 1643. *Farmer.*

The next I find of the name, is Ralph, in Framingham, who there m. Sarah Haven, Feb. 2, 1727. From Ralph, in Roxbury, no doubt, descended Daniel, who settled in Shrewsbury. Some of the following may have been his brothers.

Samuel and Hannah Hemenway were m. March 24, 1736.

Ebenezer Hemenway and Tamasin Nurse were m. Feb. 22, 1737.

Jonathan Hemenway and Mary Foster were m. April 24, 1744.

Joseph Hemenway and Mary Adams were m. July 4, 1743.

Sylvanus Hemenway and Hepzibah Frost were m. March 22, 1750.

John Hemenway and Mary Rau were m. Nov. 26, 1751.

Isaac Hemenway and Elizabeth Haven were m. Nov. 28, 1754.

All, with their wives, were of Framingham.

7, 1772, and m. Benjamin Miner of Bridport, Vt., Feb. 27, 1793; *Virtue*, Jan. 23, 1775, and m. Jonathan Witherby, in 1796; *Seth*, March 8, 1779; *Ethan*, Nov. 19, 1783, and d. Nov. 16, 1785.

HEMENWAY, SAMUEL (s. of Daniel) m. Martha Salmon of Boston, in 1779. Chil. *Thomas Symms*, b. Nov. 14, 1779; *Rebecca*, Nov. 26, 1781; *Francis Salmon*, Jan. 23, 1784; *Hannah Salter*, June 4, 1786; *Vashni*, Nov. 28, 1788; *Sarah*, Jan. 23, 1791. He, with his family, removed to Shoreham, Vt.

HEMENWAY, JONAS (s. of Daniel) m. Sarah, D. of Thomas Whitney, Feb. 28, 1780, and d. March 12, 1827, aged 68; his wid. Sarah, Sept. 8, 1827, aged 71. Chil. *Lucy*, b. May 8, 1780, and m. Asahel Allen, May 8, 1800; *Irene*, July 23, 1784, and m. Noah Allen, Jan. 1, 1804.

HEMENWAY, VASHNI, Esq. (s. of Daniel) m. Sarah Heard, Feb. 4, 1792; she was then called of Lancaster, and ad. to the chh. here in 1797. He was much employed in town affairs, several years Rep., &c., and d. Jan. 19, 1821, in his 60th year. His wid. Sarah, d. at Worcester, Feb. 14, 1847, aged 81. (Her father was Edmund, who m. Sarah Willington of Waltham; who was the son of Edmund, of Ipswich, who m. Priscilla Haskell, and was afterwards, 1762, settled in Holden.) Chil. *Robert Eddy*, b. Aug. 15, 1796; *Edward Hawley*, March 13, 1798; *Sarah Paine*, Oct. 14, 1805, and m. Dr. William Workman, Sept. 16, 1828, and removed to Worcester.

HEMENWAY, ROBERT EDDY (s. of Vashni, Esq.) went to Providence, R. I., and there m. Eliza Jackson; they both deceased soon after, leaving one child, *Elizabeth*.

HEMENWAY, PHILIP (s. of Daniel) m. Eunice, D. of Joseph Stone, June 22, 1802. Chil. *Lewis Stone*, bap. Dec. 7, 1804; *Eunice*, bap. July 21, 1805; *Henry Hulbert*, bap. Jan. 31, 1808. He removed with his family to Orwell, Vt.

HEMENWAY, Capt. SETH (s. of Silas) m. Martha, D. of Nathan Pratt, May 27, 1800; she d. Sept. 24, 1831, aged 51. Chil. *Silas*, b. Aug. 2, 1800; *Lucy*, June 19, 1803, and d. infant; *Levi Jennison*, July 1, 1805; *Lucy*, May 22, 1807, and m. Stillman Smith, in 1826; *Anna*, Oct. 2, 1809, and m. John Fessenden of Rutland, in 1831; *Adaline*, Dec. 15, 1813, and m. Silas Smith; *Levi Jennison*, 1815.

His second wife was Sarah Packard of Oakham. Child, *Dexter*.

HEMENWAY, SILAS, (s. of Seth) whose wife was Susan —— of Framingham, had *Susan Adaline Augusta*, b. June 21, 1828; and *Silas Alonzo Augustus*, Sept. 6, 1829; removed to Providence, R. I.

HEMENWAY, LEVI J. (s. of Seth) m. Maria, D. of Capt. Thomas Harrington, Jr. Child, *Frederick Augustus*, b. Dec. 13, 1840.

HEMENWAY, JOSIAH, from Framingham, whose wife was Nancy, had *Adaline Keyes*, b. Dec. 16, 1815; *Julia Augusta*, Oct. 18, 1817; and *Eliza Ann*, Sept. 29, 1820.

HOWE, PHINEAS,* b. 1707, (s. of Josiah, and g. s. of John, first settler of Marlboro') m. Abigail Bennett, both then

* The *e* final, in this name, is not found in the old records, but as it is in general use now, I shall supply it to all of the name in the text of whom I have occasion to speak. There were several persons of the name of How, in different parts of the colony, very soon after its settlement commenced. Who of them was the ancestor of Phineas and Daniel, who settled in Shrewsbury, I sup. to have been John; who was in Sudbury as early as 1638. *Farmer* says, "John (How) Watertown, freeman, 1640. John, Sudbury, freeman, 1640, and had sons, John, b. 1640; Samuel, b. 1642. When John first went, and where from, to Sudbury, is unknown; he was one of 47, who shared in the division of Sudbury Meadows in 1638. His wife was Mary; other sons, Isaac, Josiah, Thomas, b. 1656, Daniel in 1658, and d. in Marlboro', in 1661; all b. in Sudbury, as appears of record; he had others in Marlboro'; for the grant of which township, he was, in 1656, one of the petitioners, to which place he removed from Sudbury, where he had been one of the Selectmen for several years, and d. 28, 3, 1680; in the record of his death, he is called, "John How, Sen." It has been said, that John, of Marlboro', came there from Watertown. If he ever was of Watertown, he appears, at least, to have made a stop at Sudbury for

called of Shrewsbury, March 22, 1732, and both ad. to chh. here in that year; he lived in the N. P. Chil., not one on the town record; *Phineas*, bap. March 17, 1733; *Bezaleel*, bap. Feb. 24, 1735, and sup. m. Sarah Bigelow of Marlboro', Oct. 8, 1759; *Silas*, bap. Feb. 13, 1737; *Abigail*, bap. March 4, 1739; *Elizabeth*, bap. April 13, 1740.

HOWE, SILAS, perhaps s. of Gershom, and his wife, Hannah Bouker of Marlboro'; if so, he was b. in 1727. He m. Bulah Leland of Marlboro', Nov. 22, 1749, and lived in the N. P. Chil. *Hannah*, b. Dec. 10, 1750; and *Isaac*, Feb. 28, 1753.

Hannah Howe m. Eli Keyes in 1762.

King Howe m. Mitte Goodenow in 1785.

Abigail Howe m. Manassah Fairbank of Berlin in 1785.

Elizabeth Howe m. Aaron Goddard of Bridport, Vt. in 1795, son of Rev. William Goddard of Westmoreland, N. H.

HOWE, SILAS, (perhaps s. of Silas) whose wife was Abigail, lived in the N. P., and had Abraham, b. Jan. 12, 1782; the only one on record here; others said to be, *Silas*, *Ephraim*,

some years. I have not yet been able to find a John How of or ever belonging to Watertown; and therefore infer, that John, who, according to *Farmer*, was in Watertown, freeman, 1640, is the same, who was in Sudbury, freeman, 1640.

I leave it, however, for others to settle; this is not the place, if I had the time, to investigate the subject. Edward How was in Watertown, in 1634, and may have been a brother of John. John How, Jr., whose wife was Elizabeth, m. Jan. 22, 1662, was killed by the Indians at Sudbury, 20, 2, 1675. Josiah, m. Mary Haynes of Sudbury, May 18, 1671. Marlboro' soon became the hive of the Hows; their chil. were numerous, and, as many of them had the same Christian name, and were b. about the same time, it is not an easy matter at this period to trace them with accuracy through their several generations. I have the names and births of the children of 25 families of that name in Marlboro', averaging nine in a family. Phineas, above mentioned, I sup. was son of Josiah, who m. Sarah Biglo, 14, 10, 1706, who was son of Josiah, who m. Mary Haynes in 1671; if so, he was b. in 1707. Capt. Daniel How, who settled in Shrewsbury, I sup. to have been the son of Josiah How and Mary Haynes; if so, he was b. 5, 3, 1681; and this corresponds very nearly with his age at the time of his death.

Having thus laid the foundation, I proceed with the superstructure contained in the text.

John, *Levi*, *Abigail*, *Persis* and *Tamar*. Simeon, or Simon Howe, pub. to Sarah Rice of Sterling, Sept. 6, 1784.

As the above Howe families lived in the N. P., there is no record of them here after 1786, when that parish was incorporated into a town, by the name of Boylston.

HOWE, Capt. Daniel, (sup. son of Josiah) b. in 1681, m. Esther Cloyes, June 17, 1725. They were then both called of this town; she was probably from Framingham. She d. July 27, 1759, aged 58; he was ad. to the chh. July 16, 1758, being (say the records) "more than 70 years old;" he d. Nov. 22, 1768, aged, 87½. Chil. *Daniel*, bap. April 16, 1727; *Jotham*, b. Oct. 29, 1728; *Nathan*, June, 17, 1730; *Gideon*, March 15, 1732; *Lucy*, May 6, 1736, and m. Daniel Smith, in 1758; *Mary*, Dec. 11, 1738, and m. Dr. Edward Flint, in 1758; *William*, Feb. 14, 1734, a soldier in the revolu. and d. unm. March 23, 1813, aged 79.

HOWE, DANIEL, Jr. (s. of Capt. Daniel,) m. Eunice, D. of William Taylor, June 10, 1748, and d. July 5, 1750, aged 23; child, *Jonah*, b. Jan. 2, 1749. His wid., Eunice, m. Marshall Newton, in 1751.

HOWE, JOTHAM (s. of Capt. Daniel) m. Priscilla, D. of Luke Rice, Jan. 3, 1753. She was ad. to chh. in 1759. Their deaths are not on record here; perhaps they removed from town. Chil. *Alvan*, b. Nov. 4, 1753; *Lucy*, Sept. 8, 1757, m. Lewis Smith in 1782, and settled in Wardsboro', Vt.; *Gardner*, Nov. 20, 1759, and m. Abigail, D. of Joseph Sherman, Jr., in 1789; *Francis*, June 15, 1762; *Priscilla*, Aug. 25, 1764, and m. Joseph Knowlton, Jr., in 1784; *Walter*, April 9, 1767; *Jenney*, Nov. 11, 1769, and m. Aaron Smith, Jr., in 1794.

HOWE, ALVAN (s. of Jotham) m. Mary Willington of Worcester, in 1779. Chil. *Lucinda*, b. Dec. 7, 1779; *Luke Rice*, Dec. 12, 1781; *Martin*, March 23, 1784; *Isaiah*, Feb. 3, 1786; *Leonard*, Oct. 21, 1788; *Ralph*, bap. Nov. 29, 1789; *Elizabeth*, bap. June 26, 1791. He removed to Spencer, with his family.

HOWE, Capt. NATHAN (s. of Capt. Daniel) m. Hepzibah, D. of William Taylor, Nov. 10, 1748. He was an officer in the service at Lake George, in the French war, and aided in building fort William Henry; in 1776, he commanded a company in throwing up works on Dorchester heights, during the night; from an illness taken there he never recovered. His wife, Hepzibah, d. June, 1770, aged 36. Chil. *Lois*, b. March 2, 1749, and m. Rev. Edward Goddard of Swansey, N. H., Nov. 4, 1769; *Daniel*, Feb. 6, 1752; *Candace*, Dec. 8, 1754, and m. Simeon Allen of Princeton, July 20, 1772; *Vashti*, Jan. 13, 1757, and m. Jonathan Hubbard, in 1775; *Nathan*, Oct. 12, 1762; *Amasa*, Nov. 24, 1766, and m. Sarah Peirce, Sept. 4, 1786. The second wife of Capt. Nathan Howe was Zillah, D. of Eleazer Taylor, whom he m. in 1771, and d. March 21, 1781, aged 59, 9 mos. Chil. *Hiram*, b. July 16, 1775, m. a *D.* of David Hathan, of Boylston, and d. about 1830; *Joel*, Jan. 19, 1779, and m. —— Peirce of Boylston, and d. in 1843, aged 63. Zillah, the wid. of Capt. Nathan, m. Jonas Temple of Boylston, March 1, 1789.

HOWE, GIDEON (s. of Capt. Daniel) m. Damaris, D. of Capt. Thomas Hapgood, Feb. 12, 1756, and lived on the place, now improved for the support of the town's poor. He d. Feb. 8, 1815, aged 83; his wife's death is not on record. Chil. *Lucretia*, b. June 10, 1756, and m. Artemas Wheeler, in 1777; *Solomon*, Oct. 21, 1758, and m. Rebecca Jennison, in 1784; *Esther*, Sept. 1, 1760, and m. Reuben Holland, in 1784; *Charlotte*, May 6, 1762, and m. Reuben Baker, in 1781; *John Hapgood*, Oct. 8, 1764; *Damaris*, Nov. 1, 1765, and m. Joseph B. Jennison, in 1792; *Daniel*, March 13, 1769; *Alvan*, May 12, 1772; *Eunice*, Nov. 15, 1774, and m. Joseph Cloyes, Sept. 24, 1797; *Lyman*, June 1, 1777; *Relief*, April 14, 1784, and m. Dr. Seth Knowlton, in 1802.

HOWE, JONAH, Esq. (s. of Daniel, Jr.) m. Prudence, D. of Asa Bouker, July 4, 1771. He probably did more town business, and was employed a greater number of years in the

town's service, than any other individual, to the present day. He was Representative 17 years, 16 of them in succession, and a magistrate. In early life, he lived in the E. part of the town, between the houses of Elisha Davis and Silas Maynard, where most, if not all, of his chil. were b.; the house has been removed many years since. He purchased, of Ebenezer Kingsbury, a place, a short distance west of the meeting house, and resided there until death. His wife, Prudence, d. May 14, 1795, aged 44. Chil. *Eunice*, b. Oct. 4, 1771, and m. Lewis Hartshorne, May 27, 1790; *Dennis*, July 15, 1773; *Charles*, Aug. 14, 1774; *Daniel*, Oct. 15, 1775, and d. infant; *William*, Jan. 13, 1777, and d. at Demarara, before the year 1800; *James*, April 23, 1779, and d. at Staten Island, N. Y., in 1800; *Eleanor*, a twin with James, d. May 4, 1796; *Daniel Newton*, March 21, 1781, and d. Feb. 1795; *Submit*, bap. Oct. 6, 1782, and m. Edward Kingsbury of Brookfield, April 14, 1801; *Asa Bouker*, b. 1784; and *Benjamin Lincoln*, April, 1787.

He next m. Candace, D. of Simeon Allen of Princeton, June 24, 1819, (her mother was D. of Nathan and Hepzibah Howe) and d. July 2, 1826, aged 77½. His wid. Candace, m. Ezra Newton of Princeton, Dec. 20, 1826.

HOWE, NATHAN, Esq. (s. of Capt. Nathan) m. Mary, D. of Simon Parker, Feb. 13, 1783. Rep. and many years one of the Selectmen. His wife, Mary, d. Aug. 24, 1843, aged 80; he survives. Chil. *Lucy*, b. Dec. 12, 1783, and m. John Bannister of Boylston; *Martha*, Sept. 15, 1785, and m. John Eager, Feb. 28, 1808; *William Taylor*, Aug. 24, 1787, went to Ohio and m. there; *Calvin*, May 14, 1789; *Mary*, Sept. 29, 1791, and m. March 17, 1816, Col. Joseph Hall of Camden, Me., Member of Congress, and now, Navy Agent for the District of Boston and Charlestown. She d. at Camden, July 23, 1825, aged 34. (Their chil. were Mary Amelia H., who m. Jonathan Huse, Jr. in 1839; Frederick F.; Harriet M. A., who m. Joshua G. Norwood, in 1839; William H.; Eugene A. M., who m. Nathaniel G. Parker, in 1842; Stephen A.) *Amasa*, Feb. 6, 1794; *Henry*, March 12, 1796; *Samuel Parker*, Feb. 13,

1798, and d. infant; *Harriet*, Aug. 18, 1799, and m. Gideon Harlow, Jan. 1, 1828; *Samuel Parker*, Feb. 5, 1802, and d. infant; *Sophronia*, Nov. 20, 1805.

HOWE, DANIEL (s. of Gideon) m. Hannah Hall, in Newfane, Vt., and d. here, Jan. 10, 1806, aged 37; his wid. Hannah, d. March 15, 1840, aged 73. Chil. *Edward Flint*, b. Dec. 25, 1789, and d. unm. in 1827; *Levi*, Jan. 21, 1792; *Jubal*, Dec. 27, 1793; *Clark*, April 26, 1796; *Damaris*, July 8, 1798, and m. Asa Knowlton, Jr.; *Lyman*, Nov. 21, 1800, and m. Catharine Johnson of Worcester; *Joseph Hall*, Sept. 5, 1802, and settled in Lockport, N. Y.; *Hannah*, Sept. 11, 1805, and m. John B. Simmons of Dighton.

HOWE, LEVI (s. of Daniel) m. Lydia, D. of Dea. Benjamin Goddard, Jan. 3, 1815; she d. April 10, 1841, aged 50. Chil. *Daniel*, b. July 3, 1816, and d. infant. He removed to Worcester, and had *Eliza*, b. in 1818, who m. Timothy L. Stearns of Framingham, in 1838; *Eunice*, Jan. 1820, who m. Simeon N. Story of Norwich, Ct., in 1838; *Harriet*, b. in 1822, who m. George S. Howe of Worcester, in 1842; *Frances Ann*, b. 1824, who m. William S. Walker of Oakham, in 1846; *Daniel*, b. in 1826, and *George*, in 1829. His second wife was Harriet Fales, a wid. of Oakham, whom he m. in 1845.

HOWE, CLARK (s. of Daniel) m. and settled at Fort Ann, Wash. Co., N. Y. Chil. *Appleton*, *Emily*, *Elizabeth*, *Clark*, *Damaris*, *Ann*, *Celestia*, *Daniel W.*, *Jubal* and *Soprana*.

HOWE, JOHN HAPGOOD (s. of Gideon) m. Sarah, D. of Aaron Smith, Sept. 3, 1787; she d. March 12, 1814, aged 50; he d. Jan. 3, 1839, aged 74. Chil. *Charlotte*, b. May 13, 1788, and m. Asa B. Howe, in 1807; *Miriam*, May 6, 1790, and m. Dr. Benjamin L. Howe, in 1810; *Dolly*, Aug. 6, 1792, and m. Leonard Wheeler, Jan. 29, 1821. *Aaron*, Oct. 14, 1794, and m. Harriet, D. of John Richardson, in 1816, and had Appleton, who d. July 9, 1823, aged 4 years; *Sarah*, May 9, 1807.

HOWE, LYMAN (s. of Gideon) m. Sylvia, D. of George Slocumb, March 25, 1802. Chil. *Joseph Cloyes*, b. July 17, 1802; *Hammond*, Sept. 14, 1804; *Lewis*, Oct. 8, 1806, and d. at New Orleans, unm.; *Louisa*, Nov. 20, 1808, m. William Lewis of Bolton; *Almira*, Jan. 31, 1811, and m. —— Morse of Medfield; *Clarinda*, Feb. 5, 1813, and m. Jonas H. Allen, Dec. 9, 1831; *Sylvester*, March 22, 1815; *Jerub Slocumb*, Dec. 16, 1817; and m. ——— Howe of Haverhill; *Harriet Maria*, July 24, 1820, and m. Henry H. Mason.

HOWE, DENNIS (s. of Jonah) m. Elisabeth Bigelow of Worcester, (D. of the second wife of Ezekiel Howe) Jan. 7, 1795, and d. June 4, 1807, aged 34. Chil. *Prudence Bouker*, b. May 16, 1795, and m. Oliver K. Freeman, in Alabama; (Child, George Oliver, b. Aug. 29, 1836) *William*, Nov. 13, 1796; *Jonah*, Jan. 25, 1798, practising physician in Rutland, and drowned there, July 5, 1825, unm.; *Sarah*, b. Feb. 12, 1800; *Eleanor*, Oct. 27, 1801, and d. March 20, 1805; *Eliza*, March 24, 1803, and d. March 22, 1805; *Seraphim*, who m. Joel W. Upham, and d. in Millbury, Oct. 29, 1839; *Elizabeth*, Aug. 29, 1807, and d. unm. Aug. 8, 1832.

HOWE, CHARLES (s. of Jonah) m. Sarah, D. of Dr. Stephen Ball, Sen. of Northboro'. Child, *Sarah*. His wid., Sarah, m. Gershom Fay.

HOWE, ASA BOUKER (s. of Jonah) m. Charlotte, D. of John H. Howe, Sept. 28, 1807, and d. Aug. 27, 1816, aged 31. Chil. *John*, b. Oct. 8, 1808; *Laura*, Sept. 28, 1810, m. William Maynard, and d. Oct. 1843. *Miriam*, April 10, 1813, and m. John Rice of Northboro'.

HOWE, Dr. BENJAMIN L. (s. of Jonah) m. Miriam, D. of John H. Howe, in 1810. She d. Oct. 4, 1821, aged 31. Chil. *Caroline Augusta*, *James Aaron*, *Benjamin Lincoln*, and *Edward Kingsbury*. He next m. Mary Hitchcock, a widow of Brookfield, in 1822, and d. in Aug. 1825, aged 38.

HOWE, CALVIN (s. of Nathan, Esq.) m. Mary, D. of Col. Seth Wyman, Nov. 26, 1815. Chil. *William Henry*, b. Feb. 4, 1816; *Benjamin Edward*, Aug. 24, 1817; *Seth Wyman*, April 7, 1819; *Samuel Ingersoll*, Feb. 8, 1822; *Mary Eliza*, May 11, 1824; *John Calvin*, Feb. 10, 1828.

HOWE, AMASA (s. of Nathan, Esq.) m. Elizabeth Allen of Princeton. Chil. *Lorenzo*, b. Aug. 12, 1819; *Harriet Emeline*, May 19, 1821; *Abigail Augusta*, Oct. 17, 1826; *Nathan*, Jan. 20, 1829; *Artemas*, March 5, 1831; *Sarah Elizabeth*, Dec. 30, 1837.

HOWE, EZEKIEL and his wife, Sarah, previously wid. Sarah Bigelow of Worcester, came from there to this town, advanced in life, with two of *her* chil., viz: *Elizabeth Bigelow*, who m. Dennis Howe, in 1795; and *Sarah Bigelow*, who m. John Ward. He was brother of Hepzibah, wife of Dea. Cyprian Keyes, and originally from Sudbury; lived on the place, now of Mr. Nathan Pratt, and d. Oct. 7, 1800, aged 81. His wid. Sarah, April 5, 1806, aged 74.

HOWE, WINSOR, whose wife was Abigail, had *Richard Baxter*, b. here, Aug. 15, 1811, and soon moved away.

HOWE, LEWIS (from Marlboro') m. Ruth, D. of Ephraim Sever, in 1826. Chil. George Lewis, b. Feb. 5, 1826; Julia Ann, Dec. 11, 1827.

HATHAN, MICAH, (sup. from Marlboro') in some instances written *Hathorn*, and lived probably in the N. P., m. Sarah Jones of Marlboro', Nov. 26, 1761. No further record of him or his, nor is there here any record of any family of that name.

HARRINGTON, ISAAC * (s. of Daniel, of Marlboro') m. Miriam, D. of Zerubbabel Eager and Hannah Kerley, of Marl-

* Robert and Susanna Harrington had Daniel, b. in Watertown, 1, 9, 1657; who there m. Sarah Whitney, Oct. 18, 1681; and had Daniel, b. Feb. 24, 1683, who set-

boro', Feb. 16, 1730, and settled in Grafton; in advanced life, they came to this town, and resided with their son, *Isaac*. He d. here, June 1, 1782, aged 73, and his wid., Miriam, Feb. 12, 1801, aged 88. She was a twin child with Moses, her brother, and b. in 1712. Her parents were m. March 23, 1698. Her father, the s. of William *Agur*, and her mother, the D. of Henry Kerley.

HARRINGTON, Capt. ISAAC (s. of Isaac) m. Hannah, D. of Jacob Whipple of Grafton. He lived on the farm, afterwards, of his grandson, the late Isaac Harrington. Selectman and Rep. many years; also a member of the State Convention, that adopted the Constitution of the United States. He d. July 8, 1805, aged 70, and his wife, Hannah, Jan. 25, 1804, aged 66. Chil. *Adam*, b. in 1759; *Fortunatus*, April 22, 1764; *Jubal*, Oct. 28, 1769, and d. in Boston, unm., Oct. 20, 1802, aged 33.

HARRINGTON, ADAM (s. of Capt. Isaac) m. Lucretia, D. of Samuel Bigelow, Jr., Aug. 14, 1781, and d. of small pox, Nov. 12, 1792, aged 33. Chil. *Hannah*, b. April 26, 1782, and m. Dr. Silas Wheelock, in 1800; *Zillah*, Aug. 23, 1784, and m. Col. Daniel Harrington, in 1808; *Isaac*, May 18, 1790; *Lucretia*, March 13, 1793, and m. Henry Cary, in 1811. His wid. Lucretia, m. Capt. Martin Newton, in 1794.

tled in Marlboro', and whose wife was Elizabeth; they there had Daniel, b. in 1707, and *Isaac*, above mentioned, b. May 6, 1709. Samuel, brother of Isaac, and b. in 1714, settled in Crafton, and may have been the Samuel Harrington who m. Lydia Ball, in Watertown, May 28, 1737.

Robert and Susanna Harrington had Thomas, b. April 10, 1665, who m. Rebecca White, in Watertown, April 1, 1686; and had Ebenezer, b. there, June 27, 1687, and, probably, Thomas, whose wife, Abigail, d. in Cambridge, March, 1717, aged 30, and whose son, *Thomas*, b. in 1713, settled in this town. All the Harrington families in this town, who are noticed in the text, with the exception of the four last, are descendants of *Isaac* and *Thomas;* and all of them, probably, have the same common ancestor in this country.

Robert may have been a son of Richard and Elizabeth Harrington, (Richard is the first I find of the name) who had Elizabeth, b. in Charlestown, 15, 3, 1643; if so, he was older than Elizabeth, and, probably, b. before his parents came to America.

HARRINGTON, FORTUNATUS, Esq. (s. of Capt. Isaac) m. Anna, D. of Samuel Harrington and Anna Brigham of Grafton, and d. Jan. 24, 1841, aged 77; his wife, Anna, Jan. 23, 1832, aged 63. Chil. *Anna*, who m. Gardner Wheelock of Worcester, Dec. 31, 1818; *Adam*, b. Jan. 13, 1799; *Mary*, Jan. 7, 1801, and m. Lewis Thayer of Northbridge, April 29, 1823, and d. in Worcester, Oct. 14, 1840, aged 39; *Jubal*, Feb. 7, 1803, grad. B. U., 1825, m. Lucretia Keyes, of Princeton, and removed to Worcester; *Oliver*, June 30, 1805, and m. Eliza, D. of Dr. Silas Wheelock, April 4, 1828, and settled in Worcester.

HARRINGTON, ADAM, Esq. (s. of the preceding) m. Emily, D. of Nathaniel Lakin, Esq. of Paxton, in 1829. Child, *Ellen Tryphosa*, b. Feb. 14, 1830.

HARRINGTON, ISAAC (s. of Adam) m. Rhoda, D. of Samuel Smith, in 1809, and d. Feb. 23, 1843, aged 53. Chil. *Samuel Smith*, b. April 25, 1810; *Elbridge Gerry*, Jan. 3, 1812, and m. Susan, D. of Martin Harrington; *Isaac Sylvester*, Dec. 17, 1813; *Nancy Eliza*, Dec. 18, 1815, and m. Daniel Harrington; *Charlotte Lucretia*, May 22, 1818, and m. William Bartlett; *Adam Lorenzo*, Dec. 20, 1820; *Clarendon Augustus*, May 8, 1822.

HARRINGTON, THOMAS and his wife, Grace Warren, both of Watertown, were m. there, Aug. 27, 1737, (see note) and soon after settled here, where he d. April 15, 1791, aged 78. No record of her death. Chil. *Thomas*, b. Dec. 23, 1737, and d. Sept. 10, 1745; *Jonathan*, Jan. 16, 1741, and d. infant; *Jonathan*, Feb. 11, 1742, and d. Sept. 11, 1745; *Elijah*, Jan. 27, 1745; *Grace*, April 11, 1747, and m. Moses Newton, in 1780; *Abigail*, Dec. 16, 1749; *Esther*, Jan. 1, 1753, and m. Simeon Bruce, in 1776; *Thomas*, March 23, 1756; *Jonathan*, May 18, 1759; *Daniel*, Sept. 3, 1761.

HARRINGTON, ELIJAH (s. of Thomas) m. Mary Warren of Upton, in 1780, and d. March 8, 1818, aged 73; his wid. Mary, sup. in 1828, aged 80. Chil. *Lydia*, b. Nov. 8, 1781, and d. unm. June 12, 1810; *Warren*, Oct. 15, 1783; *Elijah*, April 7, 1786; *Mary*, Jan. 4, 1789; *Susanna*, Jan. 18, 1791; *Timothy*, April 15, 1794, and d. infant; *Henrietta*, bap. Jan. 22, 1797.

HARRINGTON, WARREN (s. of Elijah) m. Martha, D. of Lewis Smith, Aug. 14, 1808, and d. April 25, 1832, aged 49. Chil. *Mary*, b. Aug. 4, 1809; *Eunice*, April 16, 1812; *Nathan Smith*, Jan. 29, 1815.

HARRINGTON, ELIJAH (s. of Elijah) m. Elizabeth, D. of Silas Wheelock, Jan. 17, 1810. Chil. *Samuel*, b. April 30, 1810; *Lucy*, March 7, 1812; *Jane*, March 30, 1816.

HARRINGTON, Capt. THOMAS (s. of Thomas) m. Hannah, D. of Dea. William Knowlton, Oct. 14, 1784, and d. Dec. 20, 1834, aged 78; his wife, Hannah, d. March 8, 1793, aged 26. Chil. *Thomas*, b. March 13, 1785; *Hannah*, May 2, 1786, and m. Lewis Pratt, in 1802; *Grace*, Sept. 18, 1789, and m. Asa Mixer, Jr. in 1804.

HARRINGTON, Capt. THOMAS (s. of the preceding) m. Relief, D. of Asa Mixer, in 1805. She d. Feb. 3, 1816, aged 27. Chil. *Thomas*, b. June 1, 1805, and d. Oct. 7, 1817; *Sarah Nelson*, March 11, 1807, and m. Darwin Knowlton, in 1828; *Charles*, Dec. 11, 1808; *Hannah*, Aug. 11, 1811, and m. William S. Knowlton, Feb. 23, 1832; *Daniel*, Dec. 21, 1813, and m. Nancy Eliza, D. of Isaac Harrington. He next m. Abigail, D. of Jonathan Harrington, in 1817. Chil. *Eli*, b. May 4, 1817, and m. Sarah, D. of Abner Stow of Grafton; *Maria*, Jan. 2, 1820, and m. Levi Jennison Hemenway.

HARRINGTON, CHARLES (s. of the above) m. Selena, D. of Abel Wesson of Grafton, Aug. 19, 1829. Chil. *Charles*

Albert, b. May 21, 1830; *Thomas Frederick*, Oct. 30, 1833, and d. in 1834; *Daniel Frederic*, March 5, 1835, and d. infant; *Sarah Amelia*, March 15, 1836; *Thomas*, Feb. 6, 1839.

HARRINGTON, JONATHAN (s. of Thomas) m. Sarah, D. of Elnathan Pratt, in 1783; she d. Feb. 16, 1813, aged 49. Chil. *Martin*, b. Jan. 3, 1784; *Daniel*, Nov. 2, 1785; *Luke*, Feb. 17, 1788; *Abigail*, Dec. 7, 1789, and m. Capt. Thomas Harrington, Jr. in 1817; *Emery*, Oct. 18, 1791; *Adam*, Oct. 20, 1793, and d. Nov. 12, 1811; *Schuyler*, April 17, 1796; *Jesse*, Jan. 16, 1801, and went to Pittsfield; *Relief*, Feb. 8, 1803, and m. Dexter Harrington, in 1827; *Calvin*, Oct. 24, 1808, m. Anna, D. of Abraham Munroe, Dec. 9, 1830, and d. at St. Lewis, in 1842. He next m. Susanna Penniman, a wid. of Charlton, in 1814; she d. Nov. 17, 1825, aged 51; he, April 6, 1842, aged 83. Chil. *Salem*, b. Aug. 19, 1815, and m. ——— Parker; *Jackson*, Dec. 10, 1816, and m. ——— Carpenter.

HARRINGTON, MARTIN (s. of Jonathan) m. Lucinda, D. of Joseph S. Temple, in 1808. Chil. *Harriet Rebecca*, b. Sept. 11, 1809; *James Henry*, April 19, 1812; *Susan*, who m. Elbridge Gerry Harrington; *Walter*, July 16, 1816; *Lucinda*, March 2, 1819. Removed, with his family, to Grafton.

HARRINGTON, Col. DANIEL (s. of Jonathan) m. Zillah, D. of Adam Harrington, in 1808, and d. in Illinois, in 1844. Chil. *Adam*, b. Jan. 1, 1809; *Henry Henderson*, Oct. 24, 1811, m. Cornelia, D. of Rufus Wesson of Worcester; *Miriam*, Jan. 24, 1819, and m. Rufus Wesson, Jr. of Worcester; *Hannah Rozan*, May 9, 1822, and m. Luther H. Temple.

HARRINGTON, LUKE (s. of Jonathan) m. Sarah, D. of Daniel Smith, May 6, 1815. Child, *Caroline*, b. Sept. 15, 1815.

HARRINGTON, EMERY (s. of Jonathan) m. Fanny, D. of Timothy Townsend, in 1813; she d. April 18, 1819, aged

26. Chil. *Alanson Townsend*, b. Oct. 13, 1813; *William Harrison*, Dec. 26, 1814; *Nathaniel M.*, July 21, 1816; *John*, Jan. 4, 1818. He next m. Lucy Bartlett, D. of Abraham Munroe, Nov. 24, 1825; she d. in Grafton, to which place he had removed, where he next m. Elizabeth Robinson, April 6, 1830. Child, *Andrew Jackson*.

HARRINGTON, SCHUYLER (s. of Jonathan) m. Sophia, D of Stephen Johnson, Nov. 22, 1818. Chil. *Catharine Sophia*, b. Feb. 15, 1819; the only one on record; *Stephen Johnson*, who d. Oct. 9, 1821, aged one year.

HARRINGTON, ADAM, 2d (s. of Col. Daniel) m. Nancy, D. of Abel Wesson of Grafton, May 16, 1830. Chil. *Nancy Rosillah*, b. Oct. 17, 1831; *Harriet Maria*, April 24, 1835; *Georgianna Amelia*, Feb. 16, 1837.

HARRINGTON, DANIEL (s. of Thomas) m. Relief, D. of Aaron Smith, Dec. 22, 1783, and d. here, Feb. 2, 1823, aged 61½; his wid. Relief, d. Feb. 15, 1844, aged 77. Chil. *Holloway*, b. May 8, 1789; *Henry* April 18, 1791, and d. infant; *Elizabeth*, Nov. 16, 1793; *Henry*, Sept. 10, 1796; *Relief*, Oct. 4. 1798; *Daniel*, Feb. 23, 1802; and *Dexter*, probably b. in Charlton, (where his father lived a few years and returned) who m. Relief, D. of Jonathan Harrington, in 1827, and d. March 18, 1828, aged 22.

HARRINGTON, HOLLOWAY (s. of the above) m. Charlotte Merritt of Charlton. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 17, 1818; *Barnard M.*, Dec. 14, 1820; *Holloway*, June 10, 1823; *Prentiss W.*, April 29, 1826; *Charlotte*, March 5, 1831; *Francena*, Sept. 9, 1835; *Pamelia*, Oct. 21, 1839.

HARRINGTON, DANIEL (bro. of the above) m. Mercy, D. of Daniel Smith, April 21, 1825. Chil. *Angeline A.*, b. March 13, 1827; *Daniel S.*, Jan. 3, 1831; *Aaron G.*, May 23, 1836.

HARRINGTON, JONATHAN, of Watertown, m. Grace Hagar of Waltham, Dec. 20, 1764, and settled here; she d. Oct. 1, 1778. Chil. *Susanna*, b. Jan. 22, 1769; *Anna*, Sept. 1770; *Sarah*, Aug. 28, 1772, and d. Aug. 1, 1775. He next m. Catharine, D. of Ross Wyman, March 10, 1779. Chil. *Jonathan*, b. March 10, 1780; *Sarah*, Feb. 15, 1782; *Wyman*, Feb. 11, 1784. He returned with his family to Watertown, and d. soon after by reason of working in Charles River in the cold season.

HARRINGTON, NOAH (from Worcester) m. Lois, D. of Enoch Kingsley, July 27, 1781. Chil. *Lydia*, bap. March 6, 1785; *William*, bap. Oct. 28, 1787; *Hannah*, bap. Sept. 23, 1792.

HARRINGTON, ELIJAH (s. of Elijah, of Worcester) m. Hannah, D. of Benjamin Baker. Chil. *Draper*, who d. Jan. 15, 1838, aged 34; *Rebecca H.*, Oct. 3, 1808; *John B*, Nov. 21, 1812; *Leonard*, Jan. 3, 1816; *Samuel P.*, April 9, 1818; *George A.*, July 5, 1824; *Lydia M.*, Oct. 19, 1826.

HARRINGTON, JOSIAH (the same, probably, who was taken, when a lad, by John Rice, Sen. into his family, of which he gave the Selectmen written notice, saying, he was last from Worcester) m. Mary Jennison, D. of Hollis Parker, Jan. 26, 1803, and d. soon after. Child, *Josiah*, b. Sept. 15, 1803. His wid. m. Asahel Allen, Jan. 9, 1805.

HOLLAND, JONAS* m. Sarah Bannister, in Marlboro', Nov. 23, 1733; she was ad. to the chh. here in ——, and d. here, March 25, 1738. Child, *Jonas*, bap. here, May 4, 1735, and d. here, Feb. 28, 1756. As they were then destitute of a minister in Marlboro', the parents may not have been settled here

* Jonas, Ephraim and Samuel Holland were, probably, brothers, and from Marlboro', where Samuel was b. in 1721; his parents were John and Elizabeth. John m., in 1726, a second wife, Elizabeth Angier of Watertown. He was the son of Samuel, who m. Mary Coller, 9, 11, 1695, in Marlboro', and settled there.

at that time. He next m. Bathsheba ——, and had *Ivory*, b. in Marlboro', in 1739; *Park*, b. here, Aug. 7, 1742, and d. Sept. 13, 1745; *Esther*, March 7, 1745; *Park*, April 15, 1748, and d. Jan. 20, 1750; *Luther*, May 29, 1750; *Park*, Nov. 19, 1752. He removed to Petersham, with his family, before 1765, having lived in the N. P.

HOLLAND, EPHRAIM m. Thankful Howe of Worcester, Dec. 11, 1739. Chil. *Sarah*, b. March 5, 1740, and m. Luke Knowlton, in 1760; *Tabitha*, April 23, 1742, and m. Benjamin Hinds, in 1766; *Eunice*, Sept. 24, 1744, and, sup., m. Abel Osgood of Rutland, Feb. 13, 1766; *Joseph*, Oct. 19, 1746, and, sup., m. Elizabeth Gleason of Worcester, in 1772; *Thankful*, Oct. 24, 1748, and m. Josiah Randall of Newfane, Vt., in 1774; *Abraham*, who m. Abigail, D. of Henry Baldwin, June 2, 1784, and removed to Walpole, N. H. He was long a distinguished physician there, and d. March, 1847, aged 96. *Lavinah*, 14, 1753, and m. Joshua Morse, in 1773; *Ephraim*, Oct. 22, 1755, and m. Eunice, D. of Marshall Newton, Feb. 1782, and removed to Newfane; *James*, June 5, 1758; *Nathaniel*, May 11, 1761, and d. July 27, 1784.

HOLLAND, SAMUEL m. Sarah (D., sup., of Daniel) Hastings, May 9, 1745. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 7, 1746, and m. Francis Temple, Dec. 18, 1766; *John*, Oct. 5, 1747; *Abigail*, March 13, 1750, and m. Nathan Pike, May 10, 1769; *Jonah*, April 9, 1752, d. Sept. 6, 1759; *Sarah*, Jan. 16, 1754, and perhaps m. Hugh Moore, of Lancaster, in 1775; *Reuben*, Nov. 29, 1755; *Joab*, Jan. 9, 1758; *Jonah*, Dec. 17, 1759; *Paul*, April 13, 1761; *Mary*, Oct. 6, 1764, and, sup. m. John White, in 1785. Samuel, the father of these children, d. April 24, 1764, aged (age not on record,) sup. about 43. His wid. Sarah, m. Samuel Richardson, of Newfane, Feb. 6, 1774.

HOLLAND, REUBEN (s. of Ephraim) m. Esther, D. of Gideon Howe, April 12, 1784. Child, *Martha*, bap. Dec. 31, 1786, and m. Benjamin Goddard, Jr. in 1805.

HARRIS, DANIEL, whose wife was Jerusha, had *Abigail*, b. July 1, 1756; *Daniel*, July 7, 1758; *Martha*, Oct. 5, 1760; *John*, April 9, 1763; *Sarah*, April 8, 1766.

HARRIS, ASA, whose wife was Abigail, lived in the *Leg.*, and had *Abijah*, b. June 3, 1759, and d. infant; *Mary*, Aug. 7, 1760; *Luke*, Feb. 6, 1763; *Paul*, Nov. 23, 1765; *Asa*, Oct 1, 1767.

HARRIS, DANIEL (s. of Daniel) m. Abigail, D. of Gershom Wheelock, Jr., Feb. 14, 1788. Child, *Alice*, bap. Sept. 27, 1789. He removed to Wardsboro', Vt., where he d. Jan. 1846, a pensioner, aged 88.

HARRIS, WILLIAM, the name of whose wife is not on record here, had *Oliver*, bap. Jan. 4, 1730. He may have been the father of Daniel and Asa, and also of Noah, who m. Phebe Butler, Feb. 22, 1757.

HOYT, BENJAMIN, whose wife was Joanna, had *Joanna*, b. July 5, 1743; *John*, Feb. 16, 1744; *Wyman*, April 26, 1745 *Sarah*, Jan. 25, 1751. His 2d wife was Susannah ——. Chil. *Robert*, b. May 6, 1753; *Reuben*, Sept. 15, 1755.

Jemima Hoyt m. Samuel Stearns, of Grafton, Aug. 19, 1752.

HEDGE, ELISHA, m. Martha, D. of Daniel Johnson, of Marlboro', Dec. 30, 1728, ad. to the chh. here in 1736, from the New North chh. in Boston. (Dorothy, the mother of his wife, long and strenuously, but unsuccessfully, opposed his admission to this chh.; she was then a widow; the records of the chh. here, show her hostility to him, but not the cause of it; she was the mother, also, of Daniel and Zebediah, who settled here.) Chil. *Josiah*, bap. July 12, 1730, and d. in 1733; *Samuel*, bap. May 14, 1732; *Lemuel*, bap. July 7, 1734. He was, at his request, dismissed to the chh. in Worcester, in 1740. He appears from a very interesting address by Lucius R. Paige, at a

centenial celebration in Hardwick, in 1838, to have been one of the "Continental soldiers" from that town. Supposing him to have been, but twenty-one years of age, when he m. he was at least 68 years old, in 1775. He probably had a 2d wife, wid. Elizabeth Stratton, of Marlboro', whom he m. Dec. 3, 1766; he may have been a descendant of John Hedge, who was in Lynn, in 1634.

HEDGE, LEMUEL (s. of Elisha) grad. H U., 1759, m. Sarah, D. of Rev. David White, of Hardwick, and settled in the ministry in Warwick, where he d. in Oct. 1777, aged 43. Chil. *Lemuel*, grad. H. U., 1784; *Abraham*, a Physician, and *Samuel*, both of whom settled in Windsor, Vt.; *Levi*, grad. H. U., 1792, and d. in Cambridge, in 1844; having been tutor 15, and professor, 17 years in the University there.

HARVEY, Dr. ZACHARIAH,* whose wife was Ann, had *Daniel*, who d. Jan. 13, 1748; *Rachel*, b. May 31, 1750; *Daniel*, Sept. 24, 1752, and d. in 1756; *Darius*, Dec. 9, 1754; *Isaiah*, May 8, 1758, "near Wachusett, but not in any township."

HOLDEN, DANIEL m. Jemima, D. of Jedediah Tucker, Aug. 20, 1766; he was then called of Worcester; settled here and lived on the place afterwards purchased and occupied by John Mason, Jr. His wife, Jemima, ad. to the chh. in 1780, d. Jan. 23, 1786. Chil. *Daniel*, b. July 4, 1769, and d. in 1770;

* He was one of those, who, living in the *leg*, were, with their lands, voted off by the town in 1752, to be annexed to Lancaster; the annexation did not take place until 1768. He gave by deed a lot of land to "the inhabitants of Shrewsbury *leg*," for a burying place and school house lot; as his son, Isaiah, was born "near Wachusett," in 1758, he had probably removed there before that time. He was among the first settlers of Princeton, and the first practising physician there. It was called the District of Princeton, not having been incorporated, as a town, until 1771. In 1761, he appears to have been made all things to all men; besides being their physician, he was, at their District meeting, in March of that year, chosen Moderator, Clerk, Selectman, Assessor, and Agent to the General Court.

The Harvey apple, so highly esteemed, and of which there were, years ago, a few trees in this town, is said to have been introduced into this vicinity by him.

Jonah, Nov. 16, 1770; *Daniel*, who m. Margaret, D. of Capt. Seth Pratt, and settled in N. Y.; *Amasa*, who m. Abigail Pratt, sister of Margaret, July 13, 1797, and removed to Johnstown, N. Y.; *Life*, June 23, 1783, went to sea, and sup. d. at, say, Baltimore, in 1844; probably he had been master of a vessel; in the paper announcing his death, he was called "Capt. Life Holden.".

The second wife of Daniel Holden was Dorothy, D. of Daniel Johnson, whom he m. Dec. 25, 1788. Child, *Rufus Johnson*, b. June 23, 1789. The father removed to Charlton, and d. there about 1835; his wid. Dorothy, is yet living here, March 1847, at the age of 95 years.

HUBBARD, DANIEL, whose wife was Dorothy, had *Persis*, b May 13, 1735, *Lucretia*, April 28, 1737; *Jonas*, bap. May 27, 1739.

Dorothy Hubbard m. Ebenezer Harwood, of Littleton, Nov. 27, 1737.

Jonathan Hubbard m. Vashti, D. of Nathan Howe, Oct. 25, 1775.

HOLT, ABEL, m. Eunice Keyes, D., probably, of Henry, Oct. 21, 1765, and lived in the N. P. Chil. *Lois*, b. May 11, 1767; *Amasa*, April 24, 1772; *Asa*, Jan. 11, 1775; *Abel*, June 26, 1776; *Jonas*, Oct. 22, 1779.

Jonas Holt, the name of whose wife is not on record, had *Ivory*, bap. here, May 25, 1740.

Barzillai Holt, pub. to Lucy Williams, Nov. 1770.

HILL, NATHAN, m. Mary Whipple, of Westboro', July 11, 1772; he lived, it is said, on the place, afterwards, of Gideon Rider. Chil. *Oliver*, b. May 24, 1780; *Mary*, Aug. 21, 1781; *Chloe*, Jan. 13, 1783.

HAGAR, ABRAHAM (from Waltham, s. of Benjamin) m. Dolly, D. of Charles Newton, in 1781; she d. Feb. 11, 1786,

aged 20, an early marriage and an early death; she was b. in 1766. Chil. *William*, b. Dec. 28, 1782, and d. in 1783; *Azubah*, March 22, 1784; *Dolly*, Feb. 3, and d. on the 4th, 1786. He next m. Thankful, D. of Elisha Newton, Dec. 26, 1786, so is the town record; the chh. record is "Abraham Hager and Thankful, his wife, were admitted members," &c., "Oct. 7, 1786." Child, *Sarah*, bap. Oct. 7, 1787. Removed to Princeton.

Hannah Hagar m. James Alexander, Sept. 12, 1786.

Elizabeth Hagar m. Andrew Grimes, of Lancaster, Oct. 26, 1775.

Abigail Hagar m. Silas Rice, of Hubbardston, Nov. 7, 1775.

Sarah Hagar m. Timothy Fay, Jr., of Northboro', July 27, 1777.

Eunice Hagar m. Zachariah Sawtle, of Northboro', in 1781, and removed to Gerry.

Mary Hagar m. Moses Fay, of Bennington, Vt., in 1785.

HENSHAW, Col. JOSEPH,* grad. H. U. 1748, m. his cousin Sarah, D. of Joshua Henshaw, Esq., of Boston, May 25,

* Thomas Henshaw, of Derby, in the County Palatine, of Lancaster, died in Toxter Park, near Liverpool, England, about 1601. His son William was killed at the taking of Liverpool, during the civil wars, in 1644. Joshua, son of William, was about 14 months old at the time of his father's death, and, when eight years old, was sent to New England, and lived in Dorchester; where he m. Elizabeth, D. of William Sumner. *Their* son Joshua, b in 1672. m. Mary Webster, of Boston, in 1700, and had Daniel. b. in 1701, who m. Elizabeth Bass, of Boston, in 1724, and was one of the proprietors of Leicester, to which town he removed, and d. there in 1781, aged 80. Col. Joseph, above mentioned, b. in 1727; William, afterwards Col., b. in 1735, and David, b. in 1744, were sons of Daniel. The two last settled in Leicester, and d. there; Col. William, in 1820, aged 84, and David, in 1808, aged 64. Their brother, Joseph, resided there a short time; being engaged in navigation, he was, during most of early life, in foreign parts. They were all of them in military commission in the Revolutionary war, and distinguished for their patriotism and love of country. All of them were afterwards, and through life, officiating magistrates.

Joshua, b. in 1703, brother of Daniel, was several years, and in the early part of the Revolution, one of the Selectmen of Boston, and, in 1768, chosen a member of the Executive Council; the Royal Governor, already scorched in his seat by the flame of liberty, negatived, or in the language of the present day, *vetoed*, the choice. *His* son, Joshua, several years Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, was burnt out at the "*great* fire" in Boston, in 1787, and removed to Shrewsbury, about 1792, and is the one mentioned in the text.

1758, and, after some years, removed to Leicester, and thence to this town, about the year 1781, and lived on the hill, a short distance West of where Thomas W. Ward, Esq., now lives. He d. there March 19, 1794, aged 67; his wid. Sarah, died Jan. 4, 1822, aged 86. They had no children.

HENSHAW, JOSHUA, Esq., grad. H. U. 1763, and bro. of the wife of Col. Joseph, m. Catharine, D. of Col. Henry Hill, of Boston, March 16, 1769, and after being burnt out as mentioned in note preceding, removed to this town, and lived in the house next West of where Nymphas Pratt, Esq., now lives; he d. May 27, 1823, aged 78; his wife, Catharine, d. Sept. 7, 1822, aged 76. They had no children. They were, and also Col. Joseph Henshaw's wife, members of the New South chh. in Boston, when they came here, but did not remove their relationship from that chh.

Margaret Fife, a maiden lady, who came here with them, and resided in the family, d. here April 10, 1810, aged 91.

HARLOW, ARUNAH (from Duxbury, s. of Gideon, and g. s. of Dr. Eleazer, of Duxbury,) m. Sarah, D. of Nathan Bannister, of Boylston, in 1799; she d. Sept. 14, 1841, aged 63. Chil. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 20, 1800, and m. Nathan Pratt, Jr., in 1824; *Eliza*, March 26, 1802, and m. Samuel A. Knox, May 4, 1826; *Patience*, March 11, 1804, and m. John Barns, March 18, 1834; *Nancy*, Aug. 7, 1806; *Nathan Bannister*, Sept. 2, 1808, and m. Louisa D. Kendall; *Clarissa*, May 2, 1811, and m. Christopher C. Doty; *Arunah*, April 17, 1813; *Cleora Eager*, Aug. 15, 1815; *John Thomas*, May 29, 1818; *George Henry*, June 18, 1820.

HARLOW, Dea. THOMAS (bro. of Arunah) m. Thankful, D. of Nathan Bannister, of Boylston, in 1798; they were ad. to the chh. in 1807. Chil. *Gideon*, b. Feb. 17, 1799; *Nancy*, bap. Aug. 1, 1802, and deceased; *Almira*, April 22, 1805; *Abigail*, bap. June 17, 1810, and m. Micah T. Reed, of North Brookfield, Sept. 16, 1834.

HARLOW, ABNER (bro. of the preceding) m. Persis B. Oakman, of Marshfield, and came here with a family; his wife, Persis B., d. March 14, 1814, aged 36. He was ad. to the chh. in 1818. Chil. (no record here of any births,) *Abner*, who d. Aug. 21, 1842, aged 33; *Persis*, who m. Lucius S. Allen, in 1828; *Harriet*, who m. Noah K. Merriam, of Grafton, Nov. 11, 1834; *Patience Ford*, who m. Levi Houghton, of Berlin, in Oct. 1835; and *Amos Rogers*. His 2d wife was Sarah McFarland, of Worcester, whom he m. in 1819; she was ad. to the chh., from the chh. there, in 1824, and d. Dec. 9, 1845, aged 67. Child, *Sarah Elizabeth*, bap. July 29, 1821, and d. March 4, 1823.

HARLOW, GIDEON (s. of Dea. Thomas) m. Harriet, D. of Nathan Howe, Esq., Jan. 1, 1828. Chil. *William Taylor*, b. Oct. 3, 1828; *Thomas*, Aug. 18, 1830; *Henry*, Oct. 13, 1833; *Hiram*, Nov. 27, 1839; *Harriet Ann*, Dec. 4, 1841.

HARLOW, ARUNAH, Jr. (s. of Arunah) m. Maria C. Adams. Chil. *Helen Maria*, b. at Brookfield, Oct. 5, 1840; *Manilla Eliza*, Dec. 1, 1842.

HAVEN, SAMUEL, Esq.* m. Hannah Wood, of Grafton, Oct. 11, 1770; having purchased the farm and tavern stand previously owned by Col. Job Cushing, removed here, about 1800, from Hopkinton, with most of his children, all of whom were b. there. The parents were ad. to the chh. here in 1802. His wife, Hannah, d. in 1807. Chil. (for an account of *their* births and *his* ancestry, as in note below, I am indebted to a compilation of the Haven genealogy, by Josiah Adams, Esq., of Framingham, a veteran in digging out geneological roots.) *Samuel*,

* He was b. Dec. 9, 1751, s. of Dea. Moses, of Hopkinton, who was b. in 1732, and m. in 1750; who was s. of Joseph, b. in 1689, and was ruling Elder in Hopkinton, in 1731, and afterwards; whose father was Moses, a Deac. in Hopkinton, but b. in Lynn, in 1667, whose father was Richard, who came from England and settled in Lynn, in 1645, where, in 1692, he then living, it was "voted, that Sergeant Haven *should sit in the Pulpit.*"

b. May 20, 1773; *Lawson*, May 14, 1775, and d. here unm. soon after his parents came to town; his death is not on record, nor his mother's; *Joseph*, Dec. 27, 1776; *Mary*, Sept. 19, 1778, and here m. Harvey Nolen, of Boston, Feb. 12, 1804; *Fanny*, Sept. 1780, and m. Col. Joseph Valentine, of Hopkinton, in 1799, and d. in 1841; she never resided here; *Moses*, July 7, 1782; *Nancy*, bap. May 2, 1786, and here m. Caleb Leland, (originally from Sherburne,) Nov. 9, 1805, and removed to Templeton, where he soon after d.; she returned, and d. here in 1810, aged 24, leaving no issue; *Hannah*, bap. Jan. 18, 1789, and here m. James Hamilton, of Brookfield, Oct. 27, 1805; *Gilbert Wood*, bap. Nov. 29, 1795; *Thomas Bucklin*, bap. here in 1803. His 2d wife was Sarah Brigham, a wid., of Northboro', originally Sarah Martyn, whom he m. in 1809, and d. April 8, 1830, aged 78; his wid. Sarah, d. Feb. 22, 1835, aged 69; she was ad. to the chh. in 1809.

HAVEN, SAMUEL, Jr. (s. of Samuel) m. Pamelia, D. of Col. Gilbert Dench, of Hopkinton, and settled here about the time his father did. She was added to the chh. here in 1807. He d. July 17, 1815, aged 42, and his wid. Pamelia, Sept. 6, 1816, aged 46. Chil. (some of them b. in Hop., but all recorded here) *Montgomery*, b. Oct. 24, 1797, m. Sophia Parker, of Hopkinton, Dec. 4, 1817, and d. Feb. 5, 1827, aged 29; *Lorenzo Gilbert*, July 4, 1801, and d. April 14, 1828; *Caroline Pamelia*, July 10, 1802, and m. George M. Merriam, and next George J. Webb, of Boston; *Samuel Augustus*, Jan. 28, 1806, and d. April 2, 1829.

"Mary Haven, of Boston, wife of Joseph Haven, (bro. of the preceding,) was admitted to the church of Christ, Sept. 20, 1805, in the presence of some of the brethren of this church. She died the next day, and the church was informed the next Lord's day of what was done."—*Chh. Records.*

HAVEN, MOSES (s. of Samuel, Sen.) m. Dolly, D. of Col. Asa Rice, June 14, 1801, and d. May 20, 1818, aged 36. Chil. *Miriam Rice*, b. Nov. 3, 1801, and m. John L. Valentine;

Theodore Sedgwick, Aug. 2, 1803, went to South Hadley, and has a family; *Mary Wells*, April 9, 1806, and d. in 1809; *Hannah Wood*, Jan 4, 1808; *Jane*, March 22, 1810; *Hiram Orlando*, Nov. 5, 1812. His wid. Dolly, m. Daniel Newton, April 17, 1825.

HAVEN, GILBERT WOOD (s. of Samuel, Sen.) m. Laura Brigham, D. of his father's 2d wife, in 1813. Chil. *Nancy*, b. July 30, 1813, and d. Sept. 22, 1821; *George Henry*, March 14, 1815, who, having a wife and one child, was killed at Westboro', Feb. 22, 1847, while employed on the rail road, by the snow plow overturning upon him.

HAVEN, THOMAS BUCKLIN (s. of Samuel, Sen.) m. Clarissa Cloyes, of Framingham, in 1815, and d. April 21, 1823, aged 28. Chil. *Maria Antoinette*, who m. James Brewer, of Boston; and *Caroline Augusta*, who m. Albert C. Cole, of Worcester. His wid. Clarissa, m. Rufus Porter, of Worcester, Feb. 25, 1825.

HAMILTON, JAMES, afterwards Col., m. Hannah, D. of Samuel Haven, Oct. 27, 1805. Chil. no record of them, *Alexander James*, and *Samuel*. He removed to Concord, thence to Framingham, thence to Boston, thence to New York, where his wife, Hannah, d. about 1842.

HOWARD, TIMOTHY m. Anna, D. of Maj. Joseph Mixer, Jan. 24, 1759; she was ad. to chh. here in 1756. He lived near the present dwelling house of Nathan Howe, Esq. Chil. (no record of their births,) *Lucy*, bap. Sept. 16, 1759; *Mary*, bap. July 11, 1762, and m. Lewis Smith, in 1783; *Elizabeth*, bap. Feb. 10, 1765; *Timothy*, bap. Oct. 25, 1768, m. Abigail Temple, of Boylston, and removed to Northboro'; *Abigail*, bap. May 1, 1774; and *Ezra*, who d. Dec. 6, 1842, aged 65.

His 2d wife was Dorcas Green, of Berlin, whom he m. in 1795; she d. in 1809, and he, March 20, 1819, aged 85; his house and fennel garden, soon after, passed away.

HAMLIN, NATHANIEL, whose wife was Sarah, had *Lewis*, bap. here July 4, 1773; *Sarah*, bap. Oct. 29, 1775; and *Perez*, bap. Nov. 16, 1777; "the parents being in a covenant relation to the church in Wellfleet."—*Chh. Records.**

HADLEY, SAMUEL, whose wife was Elizabeth, came here about 1825, and had *Samuel Dexter*, b. Aug. 27, 1826; *Sarah Ann*, April 29, 1827, and d. infant; *Thomas Richard*, Aug. 4, 1828.

IDE, SAMUEL, from Rehoboth, m. Sarah, D. of Dea. Jasper Stone, Nov. 24, 1793; they were ad. to the chh. here in 1795. Child, *Simeon*, bap. April 5, 1795. The parents left town soon after. His s. *William B. Ide*, of Windsor, Vt., m. here, in 1820, Susan G., D. of Caleb Haskell, of Bellows Falls, N. H. Their mothers were daughters of Dea. Jasper Stone.

IDE, SIMEON, from Rehoboth, had probably m. before he came here; the name of his wife was Hannah. She d. April 18, 1792, aged 22; he d. before 1795, leaving a child, *Abigail*, b. April 10, 1789, in the care of his bro. Simeon; who adopted and presented it for baptism on the same day with his own son, Simeon. *Daniel*, b. Dec. 19, 1791.

INGALSBY, EBENEZER, whose wife was Susanna, lived in the N. P. Chil. *Ebenezer*, b. Feb. 25, 1752, and m. Phebe Estabrook, Nov. 20, 1779; *John*, May 15, 1753; *Joseph*, March 22, 1755, and d. infant; *Joseph*, Feb. 9, 1757; *Anna*, Feb. 14, 1758, and m. Nathan Lovell, of Holden, in 1781; *Mary*, Dec. 28, 1759; *Eunice*, Jan. 11, 1762; *Susannah*, Oct. 1, 1763; *Aaron Newton*, June 10, 1765; *Eber*, May 14, 1767 *Lydia*, April 29, 1769, and d. Oct. 1, 1775; *Levi*, July 23, 1771, and d. infant; *Levi*, Aug. 22, 1773; *Asa*, March 19, 1775.

* In the record of the baptism of the first child, his name is written Hamlit, and in that of the others, Hamlin. Jacob Hamlett was early in Billerica; he there m. Hannah Parker, in 1668; she d. 26. 4. 1669; he next m. Mary Dutton, 21. 10. 1669, who d. of small pox, in 1678. Nathaniel may have been a descendant of Jacob.

INGERSOLL, Rev. SAMUEL B., from Beverly, grad. Y. C., ord. here, June 14, 1820, colleague Pastor of Rev. Dr. Sumner, preached the first Sabbath after his ordination for the *last* time; he d. at Beverly, Nov. 15, 1820, aged 33—see page 181. His wife was Hannah Whittlesey, of New Haven, Ct., and now the wife of William T. Eustis, of Boston.

JOHNSON, ZEBEDIAH* (s. of Daniel,) b. in Marlboro', in 1706, m. Esther Richardson, of Leicester, Nov. 18, 1731, and lived on the place afterwards belonging to his s. Philip, and now in the possession of Levi Howe; he d. there Sept. 6, 1793, aged 87, and his wid. Esther, May 5, 1796, aged 82, and were both buried on the farm, as were some of his chil., on the S. side of the road, nearly opposite his dwelling house.

The parents were ad. to chh. here in 1743. Chil. *Zebediah*, bap. April 1, 1733; *Esther*, b. June 23, 1734, and d. in 1736; *Seth*, Feb. 15, 1736; *Israel*, Sept. 11, 1737; *Solomon*, Oct. 13, 1739; *Esther*, July 30, 1741, and d. unm. March 18, 1809, aged 68; *Elizabeth*, April 11, 1743, and m. Daniel Hemenway, in 1768; *Phebe*, Oct. 2, 1744, and d. unm. Oct. 14, 1835, aged 91; *Thomas*, July 2, 1746, m. Elizabeth, D. of Ephraim Smith, Sept. 21, 1771, and removed to Barre; *John*, March 19, 1748, and d. in West Indies; *Philip*, Oct. 19, 1749, and d. unm. Feb. 27, 1823, aged 73; *Isachar*, Jan. 7, 1751, m. Dolly Barrett, of Killingsley, Ct., in 1777, and removed to Alstead, N. H.; *Lemuel*, April 7, 1752; *Jonah*, Dec. 22, 1754, and d. in 1760; *David*, Feb. 16, 1756, and d. unm. March 25, 1820, aged 64.

*Solomon Johnson, whose wife was *Elinor*, shared in a division of Sudbury meadows, in 1638; where, according to Boston Records, he had Joseph (Farmer says, *Joshua*,) and Nathaniel, b. 3. 12. 1639; Solomon, in 1645, and Caleb, in 1646. He probably came to this country with a family of children, of whom John may have been one, and went to Sudbury with his father. Through John came Zebediah and Daniel, who settled in Shrewsbury. John Johnson m. Deborah, D. of William Ward, in Sudbury, Nov. 19, 1657, and removed to Marlboro', where they had (besides children b. in Sudbury,) Daniel, b. in 1675, who m. Dorothy Lamb, of Framingham, in 1697—Daniel and Dorothy had Martha, b. in 1702, who m. Elisha Hedge; Zebediah, b. in 1706, and Daniel, b. in 1709. It appears by the chh. records, that Dorothy was residing here in 1736, and was then a *widow*. I find no record here or in Marlboro', of her death, or of her husband's. Their son, Daniel, appears to have been their youngest child.

JOHNSON, DANIEL (bro. of Zeb.) b. in 1709, m. Sarah Holland, March 24, 1736. He d. here, June 2, 1763, aged 56, 9 mos., according to the town record. This does not correspond with his birth; the error may be in mistaking the figure 7 for 9, in the Marl. records as the year of his birth. His wid. survived him a number of years, and was ad. to the chh. in 1767; her death is not on record. Chil. *Zeruiah*, b. May 19, 1737, and m. James Maynard, of Westboro', in 1755; *Levinah*, Feb. 20, 1739, and d. infant; *Rufus*, May 16, 1741, and d. infant; *Levinah*, Dec. 11, 1743, and m. James Richardson, of Spencer, June 19, 1764; *Rufus*, Jan. 25, 1746, and d. infant; *Daniel*, March 2, 1748; *Stephen*, March 7, 1750; *Dorothy*, March 12, 1752, and m. Daniel Holden, in 1788; *Lucy*, Aug. 25, 1754, and m. Jonas Hastings, in 1781; *Sophia*, bap. April 26, 1756; *Lucretia*, bap. Oct. 21, 1759.

JOHNSON, DANIEL, Jr. (s. of the preceding) m. Martha, D. of Ebenezer Bragg, Feb. 3, 1778, and d. Jan. 1, 1812, aged 64; and his wid. Martha, March 20, 1829, aged 71. Chil. *Sarah*, b. May 9, 1778, and m. William Smith, Jan. 15, 1799; *Abner*, Oct. 25, 1779, and d. May 3, 1800; his skull was fractured in being thrown from a horse; *Lucretia*, Feb. 17, 1781, and d. unm. Oct. 23, 1816; *Daniel*, Oct. 31, 1782, and d. unm. May 23, 1823; *Newell*, March 20, 1784, and d. in 1786; *Relief*, Dec. 31, 1785, and d. unm.; *Martha*, Nov. 30, 1787, and m. Elijah Rawson, in 1820; *Timothy*, Dec. 16, 1789, and d. unm. March 3, 1815; *Elizabeth*, Jan. 13, 1792, and m. John Sherman, of Grafton, April 12, 1815; *Newell*, Aug. 14, 1795.

JOHNSON, STEPHEN (bro. of Daniel, Jr.) m. Catharine, D. of Daniel Smith, Nov. 28, 1793, and d. Oct. 3, 1807, aged 57; his wid. Catharine, Jan. 30, 1838, aged 73. Chil. *John*, b. Jan. 24, 1794; *Lucy*, May 21, 1796, and m. Samuel Gray, of Westboro', in 1815; *Catharine*, twin with Lucy, m. Ethan Temple, in 1821; *Sophia*, March 20, 1799, and m. Schuyler Harrington, in 1818.

JOHNSON, JOHN (s. of Stephen) m. Jemima, D. of Abel Wesson, of Grafton, in 1816, lived on the homestead, and d. Aug. 25, 1831, aged 37½. Chil. *Harriet Maria*, b. Oct. 23, 1816; *Sarah Elizabeth*, Nov. 26, 1818; *Emily Lucretia*, Sept. 13, 1820; *John Wesson*, June 21, 1822; *Lucy Augusta*, March 1, 1825; *Samuel Henry*, Dec. 14, 1826.

JOHNSON, CALEB, whose wife was Dorothy, appears to have been here in 1741. In that year his wife and three sons d. here; the record does not contain the age of any of them, nor is there a record here of a birth or baptism of any of his chil. He was Rep. in 1741 and '43, and, in June of the latter year, was pub. to Elizabeth Briant, of Sudbury. His wife, Dorothy, d. Jan. 25, 1741; his sons d. *Joel*, Feb. 7, 1741; *Ashbel*, Feb. 22, 1741; and *Caleb*, March 16, 1741. He may have been the *Caleb* b. in Sudbury, Sept. 18, 1687, whose parents were Caleb and Dorothy, having a wife of the same Christian name, that his father had; but of this there is much uncertainty. Caleb Johnson, perhaps the foregoing, was ad. to the chh. here in 1763.

JONES, JONAS, from Weston, m. Abigail Hartwell, of Lincoln, in 1763; she was ad. to chh. here 1779. Chil. *Lucy*, b. Oct. 14, 1764; *Jonas* and *Ephraim*, Nov. 29, 1765; *Richard Hall*, Oct. 1, 1767; *Stephen*, Sept. 11, 1769, and d. infant; *Hepzibah*, Dec. 22, 1770; *Stephen*, Nov. 26, 1775; *Henry*, July 5, 1777; *Isaac*, March 25, 1780.

He purchased of —— Holland, and resided on the farm, &c. where Col. J. Henshaw afterwards lived, and sold to Lewis Allen, whose heirs sold to Henshaw. Jones and his family removed from town.

JONES, SOLOMON, from Charlton, m. Joanna Drury, in 1782. Chil. *Leonard* and *Caroline*, b. June 3, 1783.

JONES, LEMUEL, from Waltham, with a family, resided here several years, and d. March 8, 1823, aged 43, leaving a wife and chil., none of whose names are on record.

JOYSLYN, PETER, whose wife was Elizabeth, probably from Westboro', was s. of Joseph and Catharine. This name is written Joslin, Josselyn in the records of some towns, but in those of this town, *Joyslin*. Chil. *Mary*, b. June 5, 1755, and m. John Peirks, Jr., in 1788; *Alice*, Oct. 27, 1757; *Peter*, Oct. 12, 1759; *Persis*, Feb. 26, 1762; *Dorothy* and *Anna*, Feb. 12, 1764: *Samuel*, Aug. 2, 1766.

A Peter Joslyn, son of Nathaniel and Sarah, was b. in Lancaster, in 1665. Joseph, sup. a descendant of Peter, settled in Westboro' before 1726, whose wife was Catharine.

JENNISON, SAMUEL,* m. Mary, D. of Phineas Heywood, April 10, 1755, and lived in the house, and on the farm next W. of the house of Joseph Nurse, where he d. May 18, 1804, aged 81; and his wid., Mary, Sept. 8, 1820, aged 87. Chil. *Joseph Brooks*, b. Jan. 5, 1756; *Catharine*, July 20, 1757, and d. Sept. 5, 1760; *Mary*, April 30, 1759, and d. April 17, 1775; *John*, July 21, 1761; *Levi*, July 20, 1763; *Samuel*, Aug. 7, 1765, and m. Sarah Drury, of Grafton, Dec. 10, 1789; *Catharine*, Aug. 2, 1767, and m. ——— Newton, in 1784; and perhaps Rebecca, who m. Solomon Howe, in 1784.

JENNISON, JOSEPH BROOKS (s. of Samuel) m. Damaris, D. of Gideon Howe, June 24. 1792, and lived on the homestead. Chil. *Mary*, b. March 2, 1793; *Oliver*, July 5, 1794; *Henry*, March 25, 1796; *James*, Jan. 21, 1798, and sup. m. Mary Lamb, Feb. 22, 1820, and went to Southbridge; *Levi*, Sept. 20, 1799, and sup. m. Lucy Smith, of Holden, in 1830; *Eunice*, Aug. 15, 1801, and m. Stephen Keyes, of

* Robert Jennison, and his wife Grace, were in Watertown, in 1638, and had Samuel (I find no other son,) b. in 1642, whose wife was Judith; they had three sons, and six daughters b. in Watertown, betwen 1666 and 1689. The sons were Samuel, b. in 1673, (his name in the record of births is written *Jennings*, as was Jennison, in other instances, about that period,) Peter, in 1681, and Robert, in 1684. Samuel, who settled in Shrewsbury, b. about 1723, was probably the son of one of these three brothers. Jane Jennison, of Sudbury, m. Joseph Brooks, of Weston, in 1725, and undoubtedly was a relative of Samuel, who settled here; hence the name of his oldest son.

Princeton, Nov. 26, 1821; *Relief*, Feb 16, 1804; *Samuel*, Jan. 25, 1806; *Andrew*, Aug. 22, 1808. After 1818, he received a pension for revolutionary services, and removed to —— before 1830.

JENNISON, JOHN (s. of Samuel) m. Sarah, D. of Dr. Edward Flint, Feb. 26, 1799, and removed to Petersham.

JENNISON, LEVI (s of Samuel) m. Ruth, D. of Silas Hemenway, March 28, 1789. Chil. *Ethan*, b. here July 6, 1789; the parents removed to Vt., where they had *Levi Hemenway*, who was, several years, Governor of that State.

JENNISON, WILLIAM (from Worcester) m. Sarah, D. of Rev. Joseph Sumner, Oct. 30, 1788. Chil. *Elizabeth Stowell; Joseph Sumner; Nahum Eager; Charles Horrace*, b. at Southboro', March 2, 1796; *William Danielson*, Sept. 10, 1798; *Israel; Sarah Sumner; Erastus Sumner.* The three last were, probably, b. at Swanton, Vt., to which place he had removed, and where his wid. Sarah, d. in 1831, aged about 67.

JESEPH, JOSEPH (from Worcester) m. Jemima Bosworth, July 10, 1770. Chil. *Mary*, b. Dec. 21, 1770; *Elizabeth*, Oct. 15, 1772.

JEFFREY, WILLIAM and his wife Hannah Reynolds, of Wenham, came from Salem, but last from Northboro' to this town, about 1801; and were both ad. to the chh. here in 1806. She d. Jan. 27, 1816, aged 42. Chil. *Rebecca*, b. May 29, 1801, and m. Dr. Joseph Whipple, of Boylston, July 4, 1819, and removed to Ohio; *George Cleaveland*, Sept. 2, 1803; *Nancy Townsend*, Sept. 25, 1805, and d. in Ohio; *Stephen Williams*, Dec. 5, 1807, and m. Sophia Bartlett, of Northboro', in 1832, and d. Aug 27, 1845, aged 38; his wife, Sophia, d. March 23, 1835, aged 29; *William Arthur*, Feb. 15, 1811.

KEYES, Dea. JOHN,* whose wife was Sarah, was one of the founders of this chh., a strong pillar therein, and its first deacon. He lived in the N. P., at "Spring Garden," and in 1729 was living on house lot, No. 42; where from unknown. I do not find his name, nor any thing of an individual of his family in all the records I have seen, other than those of this town and chh., and very little is to be found here relative to his family. Not any of his children appear to have been b. here. *Phebe Keyes* was ad. to this chh. in 1728, and then called the D. of Dea. John Keyes; she d. Sept. 16, 1748; "*Huldah*, D. of Dea. John Keyes and Sarah, his wife," d. Dec. 19, 1726, in her 13th year; "*Sarah Keyes*, neice of Dea. John," was ad. to this chh. from that in Lancaster, in 1724; perhaps a D. of James, who was Rep. there in 1733; he also had *John*, who, with his family, will be noticed towards the close of this family name. *Sarah*, who m. Peter Butler, may have been his "neice," and not his D. Neither his, nor his wife's death is on record here; he is supposed to have been b. in 1664, and to have d. about 1748 or 9; if so, his age was not far from 84.

KEYES, Maj. JOHN (sup. s. of Elias, of Sud.) m. in Marlboro', March 11, 1696, Mary, D. of Gershom Eames, (who

* Probably g. s. of Robert Keyes, who was in Watertown in 1633, and whose wife was Sarah; he d. there July 16, 1647; they had Sarah, b. there, 26, 3 1633; Rebecca, 17. 1. 1638; Mary, 17. 4. 1639; Elias, 20 3. 1643; and perhaps other sons, one or more of whom probably went to Chelmsford and vicinity. Elias settled in Sudbury, where he m. Sarah Blanford, Sept. 11, 1665, and had Elias, b. Nov. 15, 1666; James, Sept. 13, 1670; Sarah, April 11, 1673; and Thomas, Feb. 8, 1674; and perhaps John, afterwards, Major John. Peter Keyes and his wife, Elizabeth, were also in Sudbury, and had Esther, b. there Feb. 12, 1667; Deacon John, may have been his son. In a record there, but not an official one, I saw, among the names and births of sundry early settlers, the name, &c., of John Keyes; it was simply this, "John Keyes, b. 1664." He may have been the Dea. John, who settled in Shrewsbury, yet, and if so, it furnishes no clue to his parentage; and that of Maj. John is unknown. yet not resting in so much uncertainty; he was not far from ten years younger than Dea. John, and, according to his age. at the time of his death, b. about 1675. It is not improbable he was the son of Elias, whose sons, Elias, James and Thomas, b. in Sudbury, next appear in Marlboro', and also Maj. John, all of them having families there between 1696 and 1702. Thomas, and Maj. John, with their families, came here, and were among the first settlers; sons of the other two brothers accompanied them, or followed soon after.

d. early in life, and in Watertown, Nov. 25, 1676; she was b. four months after her father's decease; her mother, originally Hannah Johnson, was then under twenty years of age, and, by a 2d marriage, was the mother of Col. Nahum Ward.) It may be, that it was to him, house lot No. 16 was granted, in 1718, in the record of which he is called *Jun.;* he was Junior of the other John, afterwards Deacon, *only in years.* Neither of them had, probably, at that time, a title, whereby to be distinguished, one from the other. The elder John, in the early records made by him as Clerk, styled himself John Keyes, Sen., and the other John, John Keyes, Jun.; a mode of discrimination, not uncommon in that day, and since, as appears by the town records, when there were two of the same name in town, although not *father* and *son.*

JOHN KEYES, afterwards Major, was living here in Aug. 1723, and was one of the founders of the chh. It was in Aug. of that year, that his new and old house were burnt, and three of his sons perished in the flames; (see Bragg, Ebenezer,) they were sleeping in the new house; their names and ages were given by Rev. Mr. Breck, of Marlboro', in his published account of that grievous and awful dispensation, in which, among other things, he remarked, that "Capt. Keyes and his wife, and four daughters, lodged in the old one, which was also burnt, but the people were saved." The names of his four daughters, who were saved, were, probably, not until recently known to any one, now living. Here the reader will find them, and, perhaps, have his sympathies awakened, even now, in behalf of those, who have long since gone to their rest. His children were *Gershom,* b. in 1698; *Mary,* in 1700, and m. Daniel Rand, in 1720; *Solomon,* in 1703; *Hannah,* in 1706, and m. Gershom Flagg, in 1725; *Thankful,* in 1709, and m. Jonas Keyes, in 1728; *John,* in 1712; *Sarah,* in 1715, and m. Joshua Wilder, Dec. 21, 1731, and removed to Princeton, of which they were the first settlers; *Stephen,* in 1718. They were all born in Marlboro', and their births recorded there. The three last named sons were those who perished in the burning of the new house.

Maj. Keyes was highly esteemed, and extensively known; a man of note in his day; and when spoken of after his death, was called "the famous Maj. John Keyes." He d. here, March 31, 1768, aged 93 years and 7 mos.; his wid. Mary, April 6, 1772, aged 95 years and 1 mo.; they lived to a remarkable age, and with each other in the marriage state, upwards of 72 years; the longest period of the like that is to be found on record.

KEYES, GERSHOM (s. of Maj. John) whose wife was Sarah, was living on house lot No. 15, in 1729; his wife was ad. to the chh. here in 1727. Chil. none on record here. The following are at Marlboro', viz: *Francis*, b. in 1719; *Humphrey*, in 1721; *Lucretia*, in 1723; *Levinah*, in 1726; *Elizabeth*, in 1728. He removed to Boston and became a wealthy and distinguished merchant.

KEYES, THOMAS, b. in 1674 (s. of Elias, of Sud.) whose wife was Elizabeth, came here with a family from Marlboro', and was living on house lot No. 28, in 1729. Chil. *Jonathan*, b. in 1702; *Cyprian*, in 1706; *Dinah*, in 1710; and *Thomas*, in 1713, all in Marlboro'.

KEYES, JONATHAN, Deacon in the N. P. (s. of Thomas) m. Patience Morse, of Marlboro', Nov. 11, 1727; they were ad. to this chh. in 1728; he d. June 25, 1778, aged 76, and his wife, Patience, May 1, 1776, aged 71. Chil. *Jonathan*, b. Jan. 21, 1728; *Miriam*, Oct. 7, 1729, and d. young; *Dinah*, Aug. 22, 1731, and d. in 1733; *Timothy*, bap. Nov. 4, 1733, and m. Prudence Wilder, May 1, 1755, and removed to the Northerly part of Rutland; *Miriam*, Dec. 14, 1735, and sup. m. Artemas Maynard, of Princeton, May 27, 1762; *Thomas*, Dec. 24, 1737, perhaps the Thomas Keyes who m. Mary Temple, April 25, 1765, and then called of Westminster; *Benjamin*, Jan. 29, 1740; *Asa*, bap. July 4, 1742, and d. in 1745; *Catharine* and *Dinah*, Aug. 15, 1744; the former d. infant, the latter, in 1752; *Catharine*, Oct. 9, 1747, and sup. m. Jonathan Warren Smith, in 1774.

KEYES, CYPRIAN, Deacon in both parishes (s. of Thomas,) m. Hepzibah Howe, in Sudbury, Dec. 15, 1729; (she was sis. of Ezekiel Howe, who d. here in 1800, and of Eliphalet, who settled in the N. part of Rutland,) he was ad. to this chh. in 1728, and his wife, in 1736, from Sud. chh. He d. in Boylston, June 18, 1802, aged 95, 9 mos., and his wife, Hepzibah, April 15, 1792, aged 86. Chil. on record here, *Hepzibah*, b. Nov. 9, 1730, and m. Jotham Bush, in 1750; *Elizabeth*, Aug. 17, 1732, and sup. m. Oliver Dakin, of Sud. Nov. 16, 1749; *Cyprian*, Jan. 9, 1735; *Levinah*, Feb. 2, 1737, and d. in 1756; *Persis*, Jan. 22, 1739, and m. Ezra Beaman, in 1758; *David*, bap. Aug. 30, 1741, and d. in 1745.

KEYES, HENRY (perhaps a bro. of Dea. Cyprian) was here no doubt before 1728, as his wife, whose name was Ruth, was ad. to this chh. in 1728; he was living on house lot No. 45, in 1729; and d. before Jan. 1757, soon after his return from camp. Isaac Temple and Cyprian Keyes, his Executors, received from the public Treasury, £0.16.6, to reimburse his expenses borne by himself in returning from camp. Chil. *Ruth*, b. July 24, 1728; *Reuben*, Feb. 19, 1730; *Priscilla*, Aug. 25, 1731, and m. Daniel Hastings, Jr., in 1753; *Mary*, Feb. 12, 1734; *Elizabeth*, March 27, 1736, and sup. m. Bezaleel Maynard, in 1754; *Olive*, May 17, 1738, and m. Jonas Temple, in 1756; *Simeon*, bap. March 30, 1740; a *son* (record torn) b. Nov. 16, 1743; *Eunice*, April 19, 1745, and sup. m. Abel Holt, Oct. 21, 1765.

KEYES, OLIVER (son of —— unknown) m. here, Rebecca Patterson, Nov. 13, 1727; both ad. to chh. in 1728, and lived in the N. P. Chil. *Lydia*, b. Feb. 25, 1729; *Titus*, Jan. 24, 1731; *Joanna*, April, 16, 1733; *Oren*, Sept. 14, 1735, and d. infant; *Stephen*, Feb. 8, 1738; *Sarah*, April 6, 1740, and d. in 1745; *Elizabeth*, May 16, 1742, and d. in 1745; *Esther*, March 29, 1745, and d. infant; *Abijah*, Sept. 17, 1746.

KEYES, ELIAS, b. 1694 (s. of James and Hannah, of Marlboro', and g. s. of Elias, of Sud.) m. Kezia Brigham, in Marlboro', Dec. 13, 1718, and was one of the 16 founders of the chh. here; his wife was ad. to it in 1724. Chil. *Elias*, b. July 22, 1719; *Mary*, April 13, 1721, and d. in 1724; *David*, Sept. 20, 1722; *Robert*, April 18, 1725; *Mary*, Dec. 12, 1726; *Charles*, April 29, 1728; *Keziah*, Feb. 13, 1730; *Paul*, Sept. 16, 1731; *Zenas*, March 9, 1733, and d. in 1740; *Martha*, June 27, 1736; *Thaddeus*, June 17, 1738; and *Deliverance*, March 14, 1740. "The parents were dismissed from this chh. in 1744, to the chh. in a new town, at Housatonic, called No. 2;" now New Marlboro'.

KEYES, ELIAS, Jr. (s. of Elias) whose wife was Sarah, was ad. to this chh. in 1742, and dismissed at the same time and to the same chh. his father was. Child, *Zenas*, b. May 20, 1742.

KEYES, EBENEZER (s. of —— unknown) m. Tamar, D. of Dea. Samuel Wheelock, July 31, 1726, lived in the N. P., and was ad. to this chh. in 1735. Chil. *Huldah*, b. April 19, 1727, and m. Elijah Rice, about 1748; *Elisha*, Feb. 15, 1729; *Tamar* and *Tryphena*, Jan. 5, 1731; the former m. Jonathan Knight, of Worcester, Oct. 20, 1756; the latter m. Jacob Hinds, in 1756; *Ebenezer*, Nov. 4, 1733; *Hepzibah*, June 2, 1736, and m. Bezaleel Gleason, of Worcester, Dec. 6, 1758; *Hannah*, April 17, 1742, and m. Ebenezer Drury, Oct. 29, 1761.

KEYES, ELI (s. of ———) m. Mary, D. of Dea. Samuel Wheelock, Oct. 28, 1734, and lived in the N. P. Chil. *Eli*, b. March 24, 1738; *Nathaniel*, Sept. 6, 1739; *Ebenezer*, July 25, 1741; *Mary*, Oct. 24, 1743, and sup. m. David Cutting, in 1767; *Ezra*, Jan. 24, 1750.

KEYES, ROBERT (s. of ———) m. Martha, D. of Asa Bouker, Dec. 24, 1740, and was ad. to the chh. here in 1742,

and his wife in 1745. Chil. as recorded here, *Stephen*, b. Jan. 19, 1742, and d. in 1748; *Jonas*, Dec. 24, 1743; *Martha*, Dec. 6, 1745; *Anna*, June 21, 1748; *Lucy*, Aug. 15, 1750; *Phebe*, July 31, 1752; *Abraham*, March 10, 1755; *Mary*, "at Wachusett, but not in any township," July 19, 1757; *Solomon*, June 28, 1762. "The parents were dismissed from this chh. in 1764, to one about to be at Princeton."

It is said Robert Keyes d. in Princeton, March 1, 1795, aged 84—if so, he was b. about 1711, and was 11 years older than Martha at the time of her marriage. It could hardly be Robert of Elias, who m. Martha Bouker, and I can find no other Robert; he was not 16 years old in 1740, when she was m., and she, herself, was then 21.

KEYES, JAMES, b. in 1696 (s. of James and Hannah, of Marl.) was living on house lot No. 19, in 1730. His s. *Jonas*, d. in 1735; his wife, whose name is not on record here, d. before 1739, as on the 4th of Jan, in that year, he m. Abigail Rugg, of Sudbury. She was ad. to this chh. in 1742, from that in Sudbury. Chil. *Jonas*, b. Oct, 2, 1739; *Meliscent*, June 2, 1741, and m. Levi Goodnow, of Marlboro', June 8, 1762; *Submit*, bap. April 24, 1743.

KEYES, JONAS (s. of ———) m. Thankful, D. of Maj. John Keyes, Aug. 20, 1731. Chil. *Olive* or *Alice*, bap. May 27, 1733; *Rachel*, April 17, 1735, and sup. m. Thomas Miles, in 1767.

A Rachel Keyes was pub. to Jonathan Barnard, of Sutton, April 3, 1756. The above Jonas is sup. to have m. Olive Temple, Nov. 22, 1756.

KEYES, JONATHAN, Jun. (son of Dea. Jonathan) m. Sarah Taylor, Jan. 23, 1752, perhaps D. of Ebenezer, and lived in the N. P. Chil. *Solomon*, b. June 25, 1753; *Dinah*, Jan. 23, 1755, and d. in 1756; *Sarah*, Dec. 21, 1756; *Ebenezer*, Oct. 24, 1760; *Salma*, Sept. 6, 1762; *Francis*, Oct. 13, 1765.

KEYES, THOMAS (s. sup. of Dea. Jonathan) m. Mary, D. of Isaac Temple, April 15, 1765; he was then called of Westminster; he lived in the N. P. Chil. *Lucy*, who d. here, April 4, 1776, aged 10 and 8 mos.; *Asa*, b. Sept. 21, 1768; *Francis*, April 15, 1771; *Luther*, Sept. 20, 1772, and d. infant; *Lucy*, July 27, 1778; *Luther*, May 8, 1781.

KEYES, CYPRIAN, Jr. (s. of Dea. Cyprian) m. Martha, D. of John Bush, May 27, 1756, and lived in the N. P. Chil. *David*, b. July 13, 1757, and d. Nov. 23, 1775; his parents are called of Princeton, in the record of his death; *Cyprian*, Jan. 31, 1759; *Israel*, July 20, 1760, and m. Dolly or Dorothy Temple, in 1782; *Patty*, according to one record, another says *Mary*, b. Feb. 4, 1762; *Peabody*, Nov. 1, 1763; *Levinah*, March 25, 1765; *Persis*, April 5, 1767; *Elizabeth*, Jan. 1768; *Lucy*, May 13, 1770.

KEYES, TITUS (s. of Oliver) m. Esther Perham, of Upton, in 1757. Child, *Oren*, b. March 23, 1758.

KEYES, ELISHA (s. of Ebenezer) m. Catharine Baker, D. sup. of Thomas Baker, July 19, 1757, and lived in the S. W. part of the town; he d. here Feb. 18, 1811, aged 82, and his wife, Catharine, Nov. 9, 1797, aged 60. Chil. *Eber*, b. Aug. 29, 1758; *Azubah*, May 13, 1760, and m. Henry Baldwin, Jr., in 1786; *Ashley*, May 3, 1762, and d. in 1763; *Elizabeth*, Oct. 31, 1763, and m. Calvin Newton, in 1787; *Ashley*, Nov. 29, 1765, and m. Anna Willard, Oct. 20, 1788; *Lewis*, July 31, 1768; *Mary*, June 16, 1773, and d. Oct. 26, 1784; *Nahum*, Dec. 15, 1776.

KEYES, ELI, Jr. (s. of Eli) m. Hannah Howe, April 1, 1762. Chil. *Ezra*, b. Jan. 27, 1763; *Daniel*, Nov. 17, 1764; *Azubah*, June 5, 1767.

KEYES, SIMEON, (son of Henry) m. Lucy, D. of Isaac Temple, Dec. 5, 1765, and lived in the N. P., and d. Jan. 21,

1782, aged 42, and his wife, Lucy, Oct. 9, 1779, aged 35. Chil. *Reuben*, b. Sept. 15, 1766; *Henry*, Aug. 22, 1768; *Ruth*, July 12, 1770; *Elizabeth*, March 21, 1773; *Tabitha*, March 15, 1775; *Isaac*, May 13, 1777; *Simeon*, Aug. 26, 1779. Simeon Keyes, perhaps the father of the above chil. was pub. to Abigail Ward, of Sutton, Nov. 9, 1781.

KEYES, BENJAMIN (s. of Dea. Jonathan,) m. Lucy Merriam, of Oxford, in 1767, and lived in the N. P. Chil. *Benjamin*, b. Feb. 23, 1768; *Joel*, July 9, 1770; *Amasa*, Dec. 16, 1773.

KEYES, SOLOMON, b. 1727 (s. of Solomon, of Marlboro',) whose wife was Sarah, had *Sarah*, b. Dec. 21, 1756.

KEYES, STEPHEN, (s. of Oliver,) whose wife was Elizabeth, had *Levinah*, b. July 6, 1760; *Elizabeth*, Oct. 3, 1762; *Gerrish*, July 2, 1767.

KEYES, JOHN (s. of Dea. John, and the only one of all the foregoing, that appears to be so of record,) m. Abigail, D. of Dea. Jonathan Livermore, Nov. 26, 1741; she was then called of Westboro'; they lived in the N. P., and were both ad. to this chh. in 1742. The chh. record is thus: "John Keyes admitted to full chh. privilege, Dec. 5, 1742—the son of Dea. John Keyes." "Abigail, the wife of John Keyes, ad. &c., Dec. 5, 1742." It seems remarkable that Dea. John, then probably 76 years old, should have a son, entering into family state, apparently for the first time, so late as 1741. Huldah, D. of Dea. John, according to her age at the time of her decease, was b. in 1713. His son John, is said to have d. in Boylston; his age unknown. Chil. *Simon*, b. Oct. 6, 1742, and settled in Wilton, N. H.; *Abigail*, Dec. 20, 1743, and m. William Hawkins, of Northboro', in 1766; *Elizabeth*, April 6, 1746, and m. Joshua Blanchard, of Wilton, N. H., Feb. 6, 1770; *John*, Aug. 7, 1753, and m. Lucy Hale, of Winchendon, Sept. 4, 1777, and went to Wilton, thence to Princeton, and d. there; *Thomas*,

July 8, 1755, m. —— Atherton, and lived in Northboro'; his 2d wife was Eunice Knight, of Bolton; *Silas*, Aug. 7, 1757; *Rhoda*, March 31, 1759, and m. William Bales, of Wilton; *Ephraim*, March 14, 1761, and m. Sarah Gerry; *Phebe*, who m. Stephen Buss, of Wilton, in 1771; *Lydia*, who m. Uriah Smith, of Wilton, in 1771; *Sarah*, who m. ——— Hall, and next, ——— Jewett; *Submit*, who m. Israel Howe, of Princeton.

KEYES, SILAS (s. of the preceding) m. Sarah Lovejoy, of Methuen, and d. Aug. 18, 1840, aged 83, and his wife, Sarah, June 19, 1830, aged 71. Chil. *Sarah*, b. at Wilton, N. H., May 1, 1782, and d. unm.; *Jemima*, at Princeton, Feb. 16, 1784, and m. Nathaniel Howard, of Wilton, July 4, 1820; *Silas*, Dec. 29, 1785, and m. Rebecca Pratt, of Temple, N. H., Sept. 18, 1832; *Phebe*, Aug. 17, 1787, and m. Moses Tyler, of Boston; *Ephraim*, March —, 1789, and went to N. Y.; *Jonathan*, March 6, 1791, and m. Miriam Tyler, of Wilton, Sept. 30, 1819; *Joanna*, at Northboro', Nov. 7, 1793, and m. Hubbard C. Currier, of Bow, N. H., Jan. 13, 1828; *Persis*, Feb. 13, 1795, and m. Azor Maynard, of Northboro'; *Abigail*, May 7, 1797, and m. William Rand Stacy; *Warren*, June 23, 1799, and m. Lucy Wheeler Cummings, of Temple, Nov. 6, 1823.

KEYES, LEWIS (s. of Elisha) m. Sarah, D. of Joseph Stone, Oct. 30, 1793, and d. March 25, 1798, aged 29, and his wid. Sarah, June 16, 1799, aged 26. Chil. *Emerson*, b. Oct. 5, 1794, and d. Dec. 2, 1816; *Lewis*, March 6, 1796, and d. young.

Most of the Keyes families lived in the North Parish, and were no longer of this town, after it became Boylston. In the death of Emerson Keyes, s. of Lewis, the name of Keyes became extinct here, and so remains. It is said, that for many years past, there has not been a family of that name in Boylston.

KNOWLTON, JOSEPH* (s. of Thomas and Margery) and his wife, Abigail, were ad. to this chh., from that in Ipswich, in March, 1733; she d. July 3, 1748; his death not on record. Chil. b. before the parents came, and not on record here, *Margery*, who d. here Feb. 5, 1740; *Joseph;* *Thomas*, who was killed by the French and Indians at Hoosac Fort, Aug. 17, 1745; and perhaps others. *Nathan*, b. here, Jan. 28, 1733; *Samuel* and *Nathaniel*, Jan. 21, 1737; *Israel*, Jan. 28, 1740.

KNOWLTON, JOSEPH, Jun. (s. of Joseph) m. Mary, D. of Deac. Ezeziel Knowlton, Sept. 21, 1749; he was ad. to this chh. in 1774, at which time his wife, Mary was, probably, not living; he was dismissed to the chh. in Ward, in 1790. Chil. on record here; *Abigail*, b. June 29, 1750; *Asa*, Sept. 21, 1752; *Anna*, Oct. 7, 1754; *Grace*, July 23, 1756, and m. Jonah Goulding, of Grafton, in 1777; *Nathan*, May 16, 1760; *Joseph*, May 4, 1761; *Mary*, Aug. 23, 1763, and m. Joseph Boyden, of Ward, Dec. 15, 1785; *Rachel*, March 15, 1765, and m. Jasper Rand, in 1783; *Samuel*, July 6, 1769; *Asahel*, Nov. 23, 1773.

KNOWLTON, NATHAN (bro. of the preceding) the name of whose wife is not on record, had *James*, bap. July, 1774, and *Samuel*, b. Nov. 13, 1778.

KNOWLTON, NATHAN (s. sup. of Joseph, Jun.) m. Abigail, D. of Deac. Benjamin Maynard, Jan. 8, 1782. Chil.

* William, John and Thomas Knowlton were in Ipswich, in 1642. John d. in 1651, leaving John, Abraham and Elizabeth. Thomas, bro. of John, was a Deac. there in 1648, and d. April 3, 1692.—*Farmer.* *Felt's History of Ipswich.*

He may have been the Thomas, or father of the Thomas Knowlton, who m. Hannah Green, 24. 9. 1668, I think, in Roxbury. Thomas Knowlton and Margery Goodhue, "both of Ipswich," were m. in Watertown, Dec. 2, 1692. She was the D. of Deac. William Goodhue, who was in Ipswich in 1635, and whose wife was Margery Watson. They were probably from England.

Joseph and Ezekiel Knowlton, said by the descendants of the latter, who was b. about 1707, to have been brothers, both of whom settled here, were sons of Thomas and Margery. In some old records, this name is *Nolton.*

Benjamin, bap. Oct. 6, 1782; and *Sarah*, bap. July 20, 1783. The parents removed to Newfane, Vt. Benjamin may have been the Benjamin Knowlton, who d. here Oct. 21, 1838, aged 57.

KNOWLTON, JOSEPH (s. of Joseph, Jun.) m. Priscilla, D. of Jotham Howe, March 11, 1784, and resided where Abner Harlow now lives, and owned the mills there. Chil. *Relief*, b. March 17, 1785; *Mary*, June 11, 1787; *Samuel*, May 1, 1791, and d. infant; *Hollis*, June 18, 1793; *Sarah*, Aug. 26, 1795; *Samuel*, Jan. 14, 1798; *Walter Howe*, Aug. 10, 1800; *Caroline*, April 20, 1803; *William*, July 1, 1805. This family removed to Ohio.

KNOWLTON, Deac. EZEKIEL (bro. of Joseph first mentioned) m. Susanna, D. of Capt. Morgan and his wife, Susanna Pitts, from England. (Capt. Morgan d. on the voyage hither, and his wid. Susanna, m. —— Clark.) They probably came here from Manchester, as they were dis. from the chh. there, and ad. to this in 1731. He d. March 14, 1774, in his 67th year, and his wid. Susanna, March 17, 1794, aged 86. Chil. *Mary*, b. May 16, 1731, and m. her cousin, Joseph Knowlton, Jun., in 1749; *Susanna*, April 19, 1733, and m. Gershom Wheelock, Jun., in 1757; *Deborah*, Dec. 23, 1734, ad. to chh. in 1757, and m. Jabez Bigelow, of Westminster, Oct. 5, 1761; *Ezekiel*, May 1, 1736, and m. Anna, D. of Joseph Miles, Oct. 4, 1759, and settled in Westminster; *Luke*, Oct. 24, 1738; *William*, April 29, 1741; *Sarah*, Jan. 28, 1745, and m. James Symonds, of Templeton, May 19, 1766; *Margery*, June 1, 1747, and m. Joshua Bigelow, of Westminster, April 11, 1764; *Thomas*, April 27, 1750.

KNOWLTON, LUKE, (s. of Deac. Ezekiel) m. Sarah, D. sup. of Ephraim Holland, July 29, 1760, and both ad. to this chh. in 1765. Chil. *Calvin*, b. Jan. 22, 1761, and m. Sophia Willard, of Petersham, Feb. 3, 1793; he was then of Newfane; *Martha*, Dec. 5, 1762; *Silas*, Dec. 19, 1764; *Sarah*, May 2, 1767; *Alice*, July 22, 1769; *Lucinda*, Aug. 8, 1771, and m.

Samuel Willard, of Petersham, in 1791; she was then of Newfane. These children's births are all recorded here, probably they were not all b. here. "The father was in covenant relation with the chh. at New Rutland," in 1762, when his D. Martha was bap. here. "The parents were dis. from this chh. to the covenanting brethren in Newfane, in 1774, in order to be formed into a chh. state there," of which Hezekiah Taylor, dis. from here at the same time, was Pastor elect.

KNOWLTON, Deac. WILLIAM (s. of Deac. Ezekiel) m. Hannah, D. of Joseph Hastings, Oct. 22, 1764, and is sup. to have lived some years in Templeton, where several of his first chil. were b., and whose births are not recorded here, viz: *Hannah*, who m. Capt. Thomas Harrington, in 1784; *Asa*; *Susanna*, who m. John Smith Whitney, of Westboro', May 4, 1799; *Artemas*; and perhaps others. The parents were ad. to this chh. from that in Templeton, in June, 1778; chil. on record here, *William*, b. June 20, 1777; *Seth*, May 11, 1781; and *Joseph Hastings*, March 22, 1785. Deac. W. Knowlton d. here Sept. 13, 1820, aged 79, and his wid. Hannah, Oct. 25, 1832, aged 87.

KNOWLTON, Capt. THOMAS (s. of Deac. Ezekiel) m. Elizabeth Bacheller, of Grafton, in April, 1771. His two story dwelling house was burnt in 1776. Chil. *Susanna*, b. March 22, 1772, and d. in 1776; *Cynthia*, July 9, 1773, and d. in 1776; *Elizabeth*, Sept. 26, 1775; *Ezekiel*, April 28, 1777; *Susanna*, May 2, 1779, and m. Thomas Witherby, Jun., in 1800; *Luke*, July 30, 1782; *Thomas*, Nov. 17, 1784; *Amasa*, March 10, 1787; *Cynthia*, March 19, 1789; *Mark Bacheller*, Oct. 9, 1791; *Hannah Ward*, Feb. 10, 1795, and m. Daniel Gilbert Noyes, in 1817. The parents were ad. to chh. in 1809. Capt. Knowlton d. Aug. 22, 1829, aged 79; and his wid. Elizabeth, Jan. 7, 1833, aged 83.

KNOWLTON, ASA (s. of Deac. William) m. Olive Waite, Feb. 2, 1789. Chil. (no births recorded here) *William*, who

went to Illinois; and *Asa*. The father's death not on record here; his wid. Olive, m. Lewis Smith, in 1826.

KNOWLTON, WILLIAM (s. of Deac. William) m. Clara, D. of Samuel Smith, May 4, 1799, and settled in Holden. Chil. *Martha*, who m. Seth Follet, of Grafton, April 2, 1826, and *Julia*, who m. Jesse Peirks, in 1821.

KNOWLTON, ARTEMAS (s. of Deac. William) m. Huldah Lyon, in 1798. Chil. *Seth*, b. Aug. 29, 1799, and *Deborah*, Feb. 25, 1804. He removed to Charlton, but d. here, May 16, 1834, aged 63.

KNOWLTON, Dr. SETH (s. of Deac. William) m. Relief, D. of Gideon Howe, in 1802, and d. April 12, 1832. aged 51. Chil. *Darwin*, b. Aug. 8, 1802; *Charles*, at Lancaster, Nov. 4, 1803, and drowned in Quinsigamond pond, Dec. 26, 1822; *Eunice*, in Boylston, April 7, 1806, and d. in 1808; *Artemas*, in do., Feb. 19, 1809; *William Seth*, b. here, Sept. 28, 1810; *Eunice*, Jan. 6, 1813, and m. Elbridge G. Putnam, in April, 1831; (their chil. Anna Elizabeth; William Henry, deceased; William Henry, and Francis.) *Nancy*, Nov. 23, 1814, and m. Horrace Stow, and next Edward B. Rice, Jan. 3, 1843; *Calvin*, Jan. 2, 1817; *Dolly*, Dec. 2, 1818, and m. Joseph P. Leland, in April, 1837, and had Nancy Hellen.

KNOWLTON, JOSEPH H. (s. of Deac. William) m. Chloe Forbush, of Westboro', in 1806. A Deacon in the Restoration Society, and lives on the homestead. Chil. *William Hastings*, b. March 8, 1807; *Hannah Ward*, Sept. 16, 1808; *Mary Ann Bacheller*, May 12, 1810, and m. Jabez Newton, of Westboro', in 1832; *Joseph Forbush*, Aug. 20, 1811; *Susan Witherby*, Feb. 20, 1814; *Relief Maria*, Feb. 7, 1816; *Lorenzo Clark*, April 23, 1818; *Caroline Elizabeth Amelia*, Sept. 3, 1820; *Frances Augusta*, June 26, 1823.

KNOWLTON, ASA, Jun. (s. of Asa) m. Damaris, D. of Daniel Howe. Chil. *Adaline*, b. June 2, 1820, and m. Simeon Newton, of Westboro', and d. in 1846; *Charles*, July 4, 1822.

KNOWLTON, DARWIN (s. of Dr. Seth) m. Sarah Nelson, D. of Capt. T. Harrington, Jun., April 30, 1828. Chil. *Charles Thomas*, b. Jan. 7, 1829; *Relief Mixer*, Jan. 21, 1831; *Hannah Hastings*, Oct. 11, 1832; *Daniel Harrington*, June 25, 1835.

KNOWLTON, ARTEMAS (s. of Dr. Seth) m. Eveline Smith, in Nov. 1835. She d. Nov. 2, 1837, aged 21; and, in May, 1841, he m. Mary Hill.

KNOWLTON, WILLIAM S. (s. of Dr. Seth) m. Hannah, D. of Capt. T. Harrington, Jun., Feb. 23, 1832. She d. Nov. 10, 1833, aged 22; and, in Aug. 1837, he m. Miriam Dresser. Child, *Julius*, b. Nov. 28, 1838.

KNOWLTON, CALVIN (s. of Dr. Seth) m. Mary C. Warren, in Jan. 1838. Chil. *Henry C.* and *Edward B.*

KNOWLTON, WILLIAM H. (s. of Deac. Joseph H.) m. Susan Lee, D. of Benjamin Brigham, March 31, 1828. Chil. *Susan Ellen*, b. Dec. 26, 1828; *Adelaide Mary* and *Mary Adelaide*, May 19, 1831; *Everett William*, Sept. 26, 1832; *Lucy Maria*, May 21, 1835; *William Everett*, Sept. 26, 1836.

KNOWLTON, JOSEPH F. (s. of Deac. Joseph H.) m. Huldah Newton, of Westboro', June 2, 1833. She d. May 2, 1839, aged 27. Chil. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 8, 1835; *Susan Maria*, March 27, 1837; *Joseph Henry*, April 25, 1839.

KNOWLTON, EZEKIEL (s. of Capt. Thomas) m. Nelly Brown, of Fitchburg, and d. here, Nov. 29, 1828, aged 52. Chil. *Lincoln Brown*, b. Dec. 15, 1805; *William Albert*, April, 1809.

KNOWLTON, LUKE (s. of Capt. Thomas) m. Hitty, D. of Jasper Rand, Sept. 3, 1804, removed to Bridport, Vt., and d. Sept. 20, 1809, aged 27. Child, *Charles Luke*, b. Feb. 1809, and m. Alony Ann, D. of Samuel Daman, Esq. of Holden.

KNOWLTON, THOMAS, Jun. (s. of Capt. Thomas,) m. Rebecca, D. of Fisher Whiting, of Dedham, Nov. 1, 1809. She d. May 17, 1812, aged 22; and he, in Detroit, in August, 1832, aged 48. Chil. *Rebecca Whiting*, b. Oct. 9, 1810, and m. Dr. Adolphus Brigham, in 1832; *Nancy Fisher*, April 13, 1812, and m. Asa Davis, Nov. 11, 1836, who d. at Chaumont, Jef. Co., N. Y., May 1, 1839, aged 30.

KNOWLTON, AMASA (s. of Capt. Thomas) m. Sarah Peirks, a widow, originally Bacheller, of Royalston, in 1816. Chil. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. May 19, 1817; *Catharine Angeline*, March 18, 1819; *Asa Bacheller*, April 7, 1825.

KNOWLTON, MARK B. (s. of Capt. Thomas) m. Elizabeth, D. of Jonathan R. Smith, June 5, 1823, and lives on the homestead. Chil. *Sarah Ann Janette*, and *Caroline Antoinette*, b. Feb. 15, 1824; *Thomas Henry*, Aug. 28, 1833, and *Nancy Maria*, Oct. 29, 1836.

KNOWLTON, ABRAHAM (said by the descendants of Ezekiel to have been s. of Thomas, and half bro. of Joseph and Ezekiel, first mentioned) m. Martha Lamson, probably of Ipswich. They were ad. to this chh. in 1735; he, from the chh. in Marlboro', she, from the chh. in Ipswich. He. d. here, Nov. 3, 1768, aged 65, 5 mos. and 22 days; * her death is not on record. Chil. *Paul*, b. April, 17, 1736; *Silas*, Sept. 9, 1737; *Sarah*, March 6, 1740, and d. in 1742; *Abraham*, bap. Sept. 19, 1742, and d. in 1743; *Robert*, b. March 16, 1741, and d. in 1743; *Robert*, bap. March 18, 1744, and d. infant; *Sarah*,

* Hence it appears he was b. in 1703. As Thomas and Margery (see last note,) were m. in 1692, *he* may have been *their* son; but Ezekiel, b. about 1707, if a half bro. of Abraham, was the s. of Thomas, by *a 2d wife*.

b. June 24, 1746, and m. Daniel Drury, Jun. in 1765; *Martha*, July 24, 1748, and m, Thomas Drury, of Temple, N. H., in 1769; *Abraham*, Nov. 25, 1750.

KNOWLTON, PAUL (s. of Abraham) m. Lucy Forbush, of Hardwick, in 1769, and d. here, June 27, 1799, in his 64th year. His wid. Lucy, ad. to this chh. in 1800, d. May 8, 1837, aged 85. Chil. *Paul*, b. Oct. 23, 1770, and settled in Hoosic, now Florida; *Lucy*, Feb. 28, 1772, and m. Elijah Hall, of Grafton, Feb. 14, 1799; *Robert*, Dec. 7, 1773, and m. Lydia Thurston, of Westboro', in 1807; *Daniel*, Dec. 9, 1775; *Sarah*, Nov. 11, 1777, and sup. m. Samuel Thurston, Jun., of Westboro', June 24, 1802; *John*, Jan. 5, 1780; *Margery*, Oct. 25, 1781, and sup. m. Zavan Perkins, of Wethersfield, Vt., Feb, 18, 1810; *Joel*, Nov. 1, 1783; *Bulah*, Sept. 25, 1785, and m. Jonas Baker, of Boylston; *Ruth*, Jan. 15, 1788, and m. Isaac Cutler, in 1823; *Anna*, Sept. 9, 1789, and m. Jonathan Newton, Feb. 22, 1815; *Jacob*, May 17, 1791; *Levi*, June 9, 1797, and sup. m. Louisa Divoll, of Leominster, in 1823.

KNOWLTON, ABRAHAM (s. of Abraham) m. Lydia Bacheller, of Upton, in 1772; his wife, Lydia, d. Sept. 28, 1803, aged 55½. Chil. *Silas*, b, June 3, 1773; *Martha*, June 1, 1775, and m. Nathan Munroe, in 1805; *Sarah*, July 24, 1777, and m. John White, of Northboro', in 1798, and d. June 20, 1818, leaving Asa, John, and Moses Adams; *David*, b. at Upton, Nov. 14, 1779; *Lydia*, at do., Oct. 21, 1781, and d. unm. June 26, 1808; *Abraham*, Aug. 4, 1784; *Thankful*, Oct. 25, 1789. He next m. Lucy Whitney, of Upton, in 1805, and d. here April 12, 1807, aged 56⅓.

KNOWLTON, DANIEL, (s. of Paul) m. Mary Hemenway, of Grafton, in 1804. Chil. on rec. here; *Mary*, b. July 5, 1804; *Pamelia*, Nov. 9, 1805; perhaps he removed to Westboro', where Daniel and Mary Knowlton had *Adaline*, b. Sept. 22, 1809; *Daniel*, Sept. 2, 1811, and *Hepzibah*, Sept. 27, 1813. He is said to have removed to Batavia, N. Y.

KNOWLTON, JOEL (s. of Paul) m. Mary Brooks, of Grafton. Chil. *Ruel Farrar* and *Laura Brooks*, b. Jan. 10, 1810; *John Chandler*, Dec 26, 1812; *Elijah Brooks*, Jan. 31, 1815; *Daniel Harris*, July 31, 1817. Removed to Grafton.

KNOWLTON, SILAS (s. of Abraham and Lydia) m. Mercy Wakefield, of Sutton. Chil. *Irene*, b. June 20, 1799; *Perrin*, Aug. 22, 1801; *Newell*, April 27, 1803; *Dexter*, Feb. 22, 1805; *Lydia Bacheller* and *Mary Davenport*, May 7, 1807; *Calvin Fletcher*, Feb. 11, 1810. This family removed to Ohio.

KNOWLTON, DAVID (bro. of Silas) m. Lucy Brigham, of Northboro', in 1800. Chil. *Julia Ann*, b. Dec. 4, 1800; *Eli*, Oct. 28, 1802; *Artemas Brigham*, Sept. 15, 1804; *Elbridge Gerry*, Oct. 4, 1806; *Abraham*, Dec. 8, 1808; *Lucy Caroline*, Sept. 3, 1811. He removed to N. Y., where he had *David Bacheller*, *Marietta* and *Harriet*, and d. Sept. 6, 1823, aged 44.

KNOWLTON, ABRAHAM (bro. of the preceding) m. Lucy Faulkner, of Upton, and had *Mary Eleanor*, b. Dec. 18, 1808, and m. Lewis Brown, of Worcester, April 29, 1829; *James Franklin*, Nov. 1, 1810; *Nancy Faulkner*, Aug. 19, 1812; *Sarah White*, March 15, 1815; and *Thankful Emily*, Jan. 9, 1817. He removed with his family to Brownsville, Ind., in 1838, and d. in Oct. 1843, aged 59.

KINGSLEY, ENOCK (from Windsor, Ct.) m. Sarah, wid. of Samuel Maynard, in 1760. No record here of the death of either of them; it is said she d. Dec. 15, 1812, aged 84. Chil. *Sarah*, b. May 21, 1761, and m. Amos Smith, of Worcester, July 26, 1785; *Mary*, Dec. 6, 1762, and m. Daniel Raymond, of Worcester, March 17, 1785; and perhaps *Lois*, who m. Noah Harrington, of Worcester Gore, July 27, 1784.

KENDALL, CALEB m. Priscilla, D. of Joshua Townsend, Dec. 8, 1773. Chil. *Priscilla*, b. Jan. 20, 1777; and *Caleb*, Jan. 25, 1779.

KIMBALL, EPHRAIM of Shrewsbury, and Mrs. Sarah Tuttle, of Littleton, were m. Nov. 28, 1765. So say *Mid. Co. Records*. His name does not appear on the town records; perhaps went to Grafton.

KINGSBURY, EBENEZER m. Sarah, D. of Jeremiah Whittemore, of Spencer, May 9, 1797. They were ad. to this chh. in 1798, and dis. to that in Spencer, in 1801. He built and resided where Jonah Howe last lived. Child, *Jeremiah Whittemore*, b. July 1, 1798.

KEMBLE, THOMAS HENRY (from Boston) m. Hannah, D. of Capt. Levi Pease, Feb. 9, 1796, and d. here March 4, 1800, aged 28; his wid. Hannah, May 26, 1800, aged 36. Chil. *Thomas*, who d. April 4, 1799; *Abigail*, who d. Feb. 18, 1821, aged 23; all of consumption at the residence of Capt. Pease.

KNIGHT, JOSIAH m. Sarah, wid. of Jonas Stone, Sept. 24, 1805; and d. July 25, 1819, aged 47 and 8 mos. Child, *Edwin Wallace*, b. April 1, 1811.

KNEELAND, SOLOMON (from Boston) d. here Dec. 23, 1775, aged 80.

KITTREDGE, JUSTUS (s. of Dr. Jacob, and g. s. of John Bellows) m. Maranda E. Taylor, of West Boylston, in 1830. Chil. *Austin Whitney*, b. May 15, 1833; *Lucius Wright*, Dec. 9, 1834; *Francis Ellery*, Aug. 23, 1836; *Albert Taylor*, March 21, 1838; and *Lucy Ann*, Aug. 3, 1841.

KITTREDGE, OTIS (bro. of the preceding) m. Prudence M. Hathern, of West Boylston, in 1831. No births of chil. on record, in 1841.

LEATHE, ROBERT and his wife, Eunice, came here, sup. from Reading. They were ad. to this chh. from the first chh. there, in 1741. The name is *Leathe* on the record here, but has

probably been modernized to Lathe. They were dis. to the chh. in Grafton, in 1745. Chil. on record here; *Asa*, b. March 23, 1733; there *may* be an error in the record; if not, that son, Asa, deceased before June 9, 1741, when they had a son b. called *Asa*, and who was bap. the 14th of that mo.; *Rhoda*, bap. June 26, 1743.

LYON, JOSIAH, and his wife, Deborah, had *John*, b. Oct. 30, 1751; perhaps it should be John *Fisher;* and others, of whom, *Ephraim* is sup. to have been one. He is sup. to have removed to Grafton soon after 1751.

LYON, JOHN FISHER (s. sup. of Josiah) m. Sarah, D. of Samuel Whitney, in 1777; he was then of Grafton, and, after living here a few years, removed to Harvard and d. there. Chil. b. here, *Lydia*, April 9, 1778; and *John*, Oct. 17, 1780.

LYON, Capt. EPHRAIM (s. sup. of Josiah) came here about 1800, with his wife and s. Ephraim, and lived near Northboro' line, on the post road; where he d. Feb. 24, 1820, aged 84, and his wife, whose name is not on record here, Nov. 15, 1815, aged 76. Of their chil., all probably b. in Grafton, were *Deborah*, who m. Capt. Charles Fay; *Mary*, who m. Ebenezer Leland of Grafton; *Ephraim;* and, perhaps, *Lydia*, who m. Daniel Gregory, in 1790.

Huldah Lyon m. Artemas Knowlton, in 1798.

LYON, Capt. EPHRAIM, Jun. (s. of Ephraim) m. Lucy, D. of Deac. Jonathan Fassett, *(Fawcett)* of Boylston, Nov. 17, 1799; and d. Nov. 14, 1835, aged 56. Chil. *Hannah*, b. April 20, 1800, and m. Ebenezer H. Bowen, Sept. 9, 1822; they removed to Worcester, and she d. there; *Chandler*, Aug. 9 1801; *Louisa*, March 14, 1803, and d. Jan. 5, 1806; *Harriet*, Jan. 2, 1808, and m. Haliburton Lane, of Fitchburg, July, 1828; *Lucy*, June 2, 1809, and m. —— Beaman, of Fitchburg; *Abigail Fawcett*, Feb. 27, 1811, and m. Warren C. Sturtevant, of Bath, N. H., Oct. 8, 1833; *Ephraim Fisher*, Feb. 9, 1813, and d.

Sept. 2, 1829; *George Sherman*, Feb. 11, 1815; *Elizabeth Louisa*, March 30, 1817, and m. —— Goodenow, of Boylston.

LIVERMORE, ELISHA m. Lucy Maynard, of Westboro', in 1780, and lived on the place recently of Henry Snow, Esq. Chil. *Levi*, b. Dec. 15, 1781; *Emery*, Oct. 10, 1783; *Lucy* and *Anna*, bap. Nov. 6, 1785; *Martha*, bap. Aug. 3, 1788, and d. young; *Solomon*, bap. May 5, 1790; *Harvey*, bap. Oct. 7, 1792; *Jubal*, bap. June 14, 1795; and *Martha*, bap. Feb. 4, 1798.

LIVERMORE, JASON, whose wife was Mary, had *Martha*, bap. here Sept. 8, 1782. Moses Livermore and Lydia Harrington, "both of Waltham," were m. here Sept. 17, 1783. The three may have been brothers.

LOTHROP, ORVILE m. Sarah Fitch, of Leominster; she d. Aug. 30, 1823, the year of her marriage, aged 23. He next m. Lucy Johnson, of Hardwick, Jan. 30, 1825, a g. d. of Zebediah, an early settler in this town. Chil. *Philip*, b. Oct. 23, 1825.

MAYNARD, SIMON,* known as *Sergeant* Maynard, (s. of Simon,) of Marlboro', b. in 1695, m. Sarah Church, there, Nov. 18, 1718, and was living on house lot No. 14, in 1729. He was

* John Maynard (the first I find of the name,) was one of the 47, who shared in the division of Sudbury meadows, in 1638, where he was Selectman, and one of the petitioners for the grant of Marlboro', in 1656; he removed there, and d. in 1711; his wife was Mary; they had John, b. in 1661; Simon, in 1666; and Zachariah, in 1672, all in Marlboro'.

Simon, whose wife was Hannah, had 8 chil.; among them were Simon, b. in 1695; Elisha, in 1703, both of whom settled in Shrewsbury.

John, (bro. of Simon and Elisha) whose wife was Lydia Ward, of Sudbury, was the father of James Maynard, b. in 1694, whose s. James settled here, and of Reuben, b. in 1698, who also settled here.

"Ensign John Maynard d. (in Marlboro',) May 15, 1731." Lydia, his wid. d. there, Jan. 10, 1740; she was the D. of Richard Ward, and b. March 3. 1665.

Simon Maynard d. in Marlboro', Jan. 19, 1747, and his wid., Hannah, April 5, 1748.

one of the founders of this chh. to which his wife, Sarah, was ad. in 1724, from the chh. in Marlboro'. It is said he d. in 1786, aged 90, which is probably correct, as that was about his age in 1786, but when b. was not known to my informant; his wife, Sarah, is said to have d. in 1781, aged 91. Chil. *Mary*, b. at Marlboro', in 1719, recorded there, and m. William Parker, in 1739; *Benjamin*, here, Sept. 15, 1721; *Simon*, Jan. 26, 1723; *Abner*, Aug. 25, 1726; *Seth*, April 21, 1731; *Sarah*, bap. Sept. 25, 1733. I find no further account of these chil., excepting the two first.

MAYNARD, Deac. BENJAMIN (s. of Simon) m. Submit Lee, March 7, 1744. They were ad. to this chh., he in March, and she in May, 1742. Child, *Mercy*, b. Jan. 15, 1745, and m. David Brigham, in 1765. The mother d. at the birth of this child, but of whose death there is no record. He next m. Abigail, D. of Luke Rice, Dec. 29, 1746. She was ad. to this chh. in April previous to her marriage. There is no record of the death of either of them. It is said he d. about 1789; if so, his age was not far from 68. Chil. *Seth*, b. Oct. 29, 1747, m. Sarah Morse, of Westboro', June 1, 1785, and d. here without issue, Jan. 8, 1808, aged 60; *Submit*, May 8, 1749, and m. Thaddeus Pollard, March 24, 1767, who settled in Harvard; *Sarah*, Sept. 9, 1751, and m. Capt. Philip Rutter, of Newfane, Vt., June 10, 1787; *Abner*, Nov. 27, 1753, in the army in 1775, returned sick, and d. unm.; *Jonah*, Dec. 27, 1755, and d. infant; *Jonah*, July 1, 1757, went to Bolton, m. and d. there, young; *Benjamin*, Jan. 18, 1760; *Abigail*, June 7, 1762, and m. Nathan Knowlton, in 1782; *Lucy*, June 14, 1764, and m. Asa Wheelock, of Wardsboro', Vt., in 1788; *Simon*, Aug. 25, 1767.

MAYNARD, BENJAMIN (s. of Deac. Benjamin) m. Martha Earle, of Boxford, in 1783. They were ad. to this chh. in 1813; he d. here, Jan. 18, 1834, aged 74, and his wid. Martha, in Aug. 1846, aged 84. Chil. *Joseph* and *Benjamin*, b.

Jan. 4, 1785; *Oliver*, July 14, 1787; *Abner*, Feb. 11, 1790; and *Martha*, (a twin with Abner,) who m. Dr. Joseph Stone, in 1816.

MAYNARD, SIMON (s. of Deac. Benjamin) m. Abigail Williams, of New Ipswich, in 1792. He was ad. to this chh. in 1810, and his wife, in 1822, from that of New Ipswich. She d. Feb. 1, 1847, aged 77; he survives. Chil. *Julia*, b. June 15, 1794, and d. in 1809; *Mary Ann*, Aug. 1, 1799, and m. Seth Wyman Fessenden, in 1829; *Nancy*, Oct. 10, 1806, and d. in Sept. 1808; *Harrison Otis*, July 11, 1809, and m. Sarah M. Davis, of Grafton, in 1832, and had Harrison, b. Oct. 19, 1833.

MAYNARD, JOSEPH (s. of Benjamin) m. Anna, D. of Deac. John Bragg, Oct. 28, 1807, and removed to Lancaster, where he had *Charles Angier*, b. July 31, 1808, who m. Sarah A. Hall of Dorchester; *Joseph*, April, 1810, who m. in Boxford; *Lydia*, in 1812, who m. Josephus Wilder, of Lancaster, and d. in 1835; *Abigail*, who d. in 1826; *Martha*, in 1816; *Susan*, in 1818, and m. Josiah Wilder, of Sterling; *Caroline*, who d. in 1826; *John Bragg*, in 1823, and *George*, in 1826.

MAYNARD, BENJAMIN, (bro. of Joseph) m. Maria, D. of Joseph Curtis, Nov. 3, 1808. She d. Feb. 6, 1827, aged 41. Chil. *Henry*, b. April 22, 1809; *Eleanor*, Oct. 17, 1810, and m. Benjamin Kilburn; they, with her bro., Henry, removed to Illinois. *Leander*, Dec. 3, 1812, and m. Harriet M. Hastings, of Boylston; *Nancy Maria*, May 17, 1815, and d. Dec. 1, 1842; *Louisa*, May 18, 1817; *Mary Scott*, March 1, 1819, and d. Nov. 27, 1838; *Benjamin Austin*, Dec. 2, 1822; *Austin*, June 16, 1824. He next m. Mary, D. of Bethuel Boyd, April 4, 1828. Chil. *Sarah Boyd*, b. Jan. 12, 1829; *Emily Dwight*, Dec. 16, 1833; *Alden Whipple*, May 11, 1834.

MAYNARD, OLIVER (bro. of preceding) m. Phebe, D. of Joseph Stone, May 14, 1815, and d. Feb. 21, 1835, aged 47½.

Chil. *William Brewster*, b. Oct. 26, 1815, and m. Mary C. Mann, of Holden; *Eliza Field*, May 28, 1819; *Joseph Stone*, Oct. 26, 1822; *Phebe Maria*, Aug. 27, 1827; *Henry Oliver*, Nov. 28, 1833.

His wid. Phebe, m. John Baird.

MAYNARD, ABNER (bro. of preceding) m. Hannah Hall, of Sutton, and d. in Northboro', about 1836. Chil. *Augustus Ferdinand*, b. Dec. 20, 1815; *Lorenzo*, June 16, 1819, and d. in 1821; *Harriet*, Sept. 13, 1820, and d. in 1821; *Harriet Ward*, Dec. 26, 1821, and m. Daniel C. Chamberlain; *Fayette*, Feb. 29, 1824; *Lorenzo Abner*, Dec. 25, 1825.

MAYNARD, AUGUSTUS F. (s. of Abner) m. Flora Rosline, D. of Liberty Allen, and had *Ellen Maria*, b. July 28, 1839; *Caroline Allen*, May 14, 1841; and *Mary Elizabeth*.

MAYNARD, ELISHA (bro. of Simon, first mentioned) m. Huldah Bannister, of Marlboro', July 18, 1727; he was then called of Shrewsbury, and in 1829, was living on house lot, No. 25. She was ad. to this chh. in Jan., and he in July, 1728. There is no record here, of his or her death. Chil. *Huldah*, b. April 27, 1728, and d. young; *Artemas*, July 7, 1729, and d. in 1731; *Bezaleel*, July 23, 1731; *Huldah*, July 21, 1733, and m. William Chesnut, in Oct., 1754; *Artemas*, Oct. 31, 1734; *Francis*, Feb. 20, 1738, sup. settled in Rutland, and m. Ruth, D. of Ephraim Hubbard, in 1767; *John*, Feb. 28, 1740; *Tabitha*, June 5, 1742, and m. Simon Phelps of Rutland, June 24, 1767; *Gardner*, May 3, 1744, and d. in 1745; *Gardner*, (*Garner*, in both instances on the record,) Feb. 14, 1746; *Elisha*, April 14, 1748.

Huldah Maynard, perhaps, wid. of Elisha, m. Jacob Wheeler, of Petersham, March 5, 1778.

MAYNARD, BEZALEEL (s. of Elisha) m. Elizabeth Keyes, D. sup. of Henry Keyes, Feb. 28, 1754; and sup. lived in the N. P. There are no deaths of any of this family record-

ed here. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 9, 1754; *Ruth*, Sept. 5, 1756; *Louisa*, April 19, 1758; *Levinah*, March 23, 1760; *Bannister*, April 5, 1761; *Francis*, Nov. 7, 1763; *Lucy*, Oct. 25, 1765; and perhaps is the Lucy Maynard, who m. Elisha Livermore, in 1780; she was then called of Worcester.

MAYNARD, ARTEMAS (s. of Elisha) m. Miriam, D. of Deac. Jonathan Keyes, May 27, 1762, and was then called of Princeton. Chil. on record here; *Thomas*, b. Dec. 18, 1764, and d. infant; *Asa*, Nov. 23. 1766; *Thomas*, May 13, 1773; *Levi* and *Lewis*, Jan. 21, 1775.

MAYNARD, REUBEN m. Dorothy Williams, of Westboro'. May 22, 1745, and was probably the s. of Reuben, who was living on house lot No. 4, in 1729, of whom I find nothing on record after that period, nor any thing of his family. Reuben, who was here in 1729, was s. of John and Lydia, of Marlboro', and born in 1698. Chil. of Reuben and Dorothy, viz: *Reuben*, b. July 16, 1746; *Dorothy*. Oct. 3, 1748; *Abigail*, Sept. 16, 1750; *Bethiath*, July 25, 1753, and d. in 1756; *Sarah*, Dec. 14, 1755, and d. in 1756; *Timothy*, Nov. 20, 1757.

Reuben Maynard had deceased before 1762, as his "*heirs*," and his farm were set off in that year to Westboro.

MAYNARD, JOTHAM, b. in 1714, (s. of David, of Westboro', who was bro. of Simon and Elisha) whose wife was Abiah, had *Jotham*, b. March 14, 1741; and *Antipass*, April 12, 1743.

MAYNARD, JAMES. b. in 1723, (s. of James, of Westbero', and g. s. of John, of Marlboro') m. Zeruiah, D. of Daniel Johnson, Nov. 6, 1755. Chil. *Spencer*, b. April 8, 1756; *Winslow*, Sept. 23. 1757, and d. infant; *John*, Jan. 18, 1759; *Winslow*, July 26, 1761; *Ashley*. July 29, 1763. and d. April 7, 1826, an idiot, and town charge from his infancy; *Trobridge*, June 30, 1767, also an idiot, and d. young.

In 1772, the town voted to build a house, 14 by 16, near the wid. Sarah Johnson's as may be, for the accommodation of the wife and children of James Maynard, Jun., and granted £13.6.8, for that purpose.

Hence it appears that Sarah, the wid. of Daniel Johnson, was living in 1772; his house, &c., was where the late Jonas Hastings lived. Whether James Maynard, Jun. was then living, does not appear. His s., Ashley, for nearly, or quite sixty years, was a town charge; the amount of which, so far as it could be ascertained, was calculated at the time of his death, and, with compound interest, found to exceed ten thousand dollars.

MAYNARD, Capt. JOHN b. in 1743 (s. of Stephen. of Westboro', and g. s. of Capt. John, and g. g. s. of John and Lydia, of Marlboro') m. Martha Brigham, of, and in Westboro', Jan. 19, 1768, and settled here, in 1771, on the place now of Balch Dean, Esq. She was ad. to this chh. in 1775. He was Rep., &c., in 1781; after which, his name does not appear again on the town records. Chil. *Martha*, b. in Westboro', Nov. 23, 1769, and m. Frederick Crosby, in 1785; *Josiah*, Sept. 18, 1771, and d. in Barnard, Vt., about 1795; *John*, Oct. 5. 1773, went to Bakersfield, Vt., m. and d. there in 1816; *Edward*, April 25, 1775, and settled in Bakersfield, Vt.; *Antipass*, April 6, 1777, settled and is living in Waltham; *Hepzibah*, March 12, 1779, and m. Elijah Hardy, of Westboro', and d. in Waltham, in 1823; *William*, Sept. 20, 1781.

MAYNARD, SAMUEL, b. in 1726 (s. of Moses, of Sudbury, who m. Lois Stone, of Framingham, March 18. 1724, and was probably a descendant of John Maynard, who was in Sudbury, in 1638) m. Sarah Noyes, of Sudbury, Feb. 22, 1750, removed to this town, settled on the place where his son, the late Daniel Maynard lived, and d. May 29, 1755, aged 28. Chil. *Daniel*, b. Oct. 25, bap. 28, 1750; previous to which the parents "owned the covenant." *Samuel*, March 8, 1752; *Sarah*, April 29, 1754, and d. Oct. 12, 1756.

His wid. Sarah, m. Enock Kingsley, of Windsor, Ct. in 1760.

MAYNARD, SAMUEL (s. of Samuel) m. Sarah Noyes, of Sudbury, in 1775, and d. of small pox, at Ticonderoga, during the revolutionary war, and before May 5, 1776, as on that day, "*Samuel*, son of Samuel Maynard, deceased, and Sarah, his relict, was bap." here.

MAYNARD, DANIEL (s. of Samuel, and g. s. of Moses) m. Hannah, D. of Samuel Harrington, of Worcester, in 1776, and perhaps lived there a few years. They were here in 1779; on the 5th of Sept. in that year, they owned the covenant, and his wife, Hannah, was bap. here at that time, as were their two oldest chil., of whose births there is no record here. He lived and d. on the homestead, Feb. 7, 1834, aged 83½, and his wid. Hannah, April 1, 1838, aged 81. Chil. *Lucy*, who m. Daniel Newton, in 1803; *Nathaniel*; *Relief*, bap. Sept. 14, 1783, and d. infant; *Relief*, bap. Oct. 2, 1785, and m. Philo Slocomb, in 1806; *Samuel*, b. May 29, 1787; *Daniel*, May 29, 1789; *John*, April 10, 1791; *Josiah*, July 18, 1794; *Luther*, June 11, 1798, d. April 23, 1832; and *Hannah*, (of whose birth or baptism, I find no record,) who m. Matthias Rice, of Grafton, April 6, 1825, and d. Nov. 28, 1834, aged 34.

MAYNARD, NATHANIEL (s. of Daniel) m. Martha Davis, of Grafton, March 22, 1801. Chil. *Mary Harrington*, b. April 22, 1802; *Hannah Joslin*, Feb. 21, 1803. The parents removed to Heath, but both d., it is said, in Fitchburg; he, June 20, 1833, aged 54, and his wid. Martha, in 1838. Other chil. are said to have been, *Joseph*; *Daniel*; *Luther*; *Henry*; *Harriet*, and *Charles*.

MAYNARD, SAMUEL (s. of Daniel) m. Clarissa, D. of Joseph Stone, Aug. 17, 1812. She d. Nov. 29, 1819, aged 25. Chil. *Clarissa*, who m. Alexander Kissam, of N. Y., and d. in 1843; *Louisa Maria*, b. Oct. 3, 1813, and m. Kissam, the husband of her deceased sister.

The 2d wife of Samuel Maynard was Frances Jackson, of Plymouth. He removed to N. Y.

MAYNARD, DANIEL, Jun. (s. of Daniel) m. Zelinda, D. of Samuel Allen, of Northboro', Nov., 1809. Chil. *Lewis Allen*, b. Dec. 24, 1810; *Henry*, May 6, 1813, and d. infant; *Harriet Newell*, Dec. 24, 1810, and m. Chester Vernon Newton; *Caroline Elizabeth*, Sept. 4, 1817; *Edward Flint*, Nov. 1, 1820, and m. Maria M. Russell, of Boston; *Susan Maria*, Sept. 16, 1823, and m. Charles C. Coleman, of Worcester; *Henry Noyes*, May 11, 1826; *Sarah Abigail*, Jan. 26, 1829; *Charles Franklin*, Feb. 27, 1830; *Charlotte Ann*, Nov. 1, 1833; *Daniel Wallace*, April 7, 1837.

MAYNARD, JOHN (s. of Daniel) m. Lois, D. of George Brown, Dec. 7, 1813. No chil. on record. He removed to New York.

MAYNARD, JOSIAH (s. of Daniel) m. Lydia, D. of Samuel Allen, of Northboro', in 1823. Child, *Wilbur*, b. May 31, 1834.

MAYNARD, ETHAN, b. in 1783, (s. of Nathan, Jun., of Westboro', whose father, Nathan, was s. of David, who d. there, Oct. 2, 1757,) whose wife was Sarah, had *Sarah Melinda*, b. here, Dec. 7, 1806. Alvan Maynard, b. 1781, (bro of Ethan) m. Elizabeth, D. sup. of Thomas Miles, Nov. 20, 1803.

MAYNARD, EBER, (bro. of Ethan) from Westboro', b. 1789, m. Dorothy Gleason, of Worcester, and had *Caroline Augusta*, b. July 20, 1824; *Fanny Maria*, Sept. 21, 1826; *Minerva Lucinda*, May 25, 1832.

MAYNARD, SILAS, who m. Hannah Forbes, in Westboro', May 24, 1819, he was then called of Grafton, may be the Silas Maynard, who was from Westboro', and settled in the East part of the town, near to Northboro', about 1827. No record here of births in this family.

MIXER, Maj. JOSEPH,* m. Mary Ball, in Watertown, May 4, 1726. He was here himself—"Dec. 3, 1727, and owned the covenant in order to have his child baptized at Watertown." His wife, Mary, was ad. to this chh. in 1732; no record here of the death of either of them. Chil. *Mary*, b. Nov. 21, 1727, probably at Watertown, but recorded here, and m. Daniel Simonds, of Westboro', Nov. 2, 1749, and removed to Chelsea; *Abigail*, April 28, 1730, and m. Elnathan Pratt, in 1748; *Joseph*, bap. Feb. 27, 1732; *Lydia*, b. Oct. 16, 1734, and m. Alpheus Pratt, in 1753; *Anna*, April 27, 1737, and m. Timothy Howard, in 1759; *Lucy*, Oct, 26, 1739, and m. Jedediah Tucker, Jun., in 1763; *Daniel*, bap. March 18, 1742; *Asa*, b. April 5, 1746; *Timothy*, July 17, 1748, m. Mary Eames, of Framingham, in 1769, and removed to N. H., where she probably deceased before 1782, as in that year Timothy Mixer, called of Ipswich, N. H., m. Abigail, wid. of Joseph Sherman, Jun., of this town.

MIXER, JOSEPH (s. of Maj. Joseph,) m. Elizabeth, D. of Samuel Whitney, April 24, 1754. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 21, 1754, and d. in 1756; *Joseph*, Feb. 22, 1756; *Samuel*, Jan. 13, 1758; *Moses*, Sept. 10, 1760; *Daniel*, Aug. 25, 1763; *Elizabeth*, Feb. 27, 1766.

He removed with his family to Athol, and d. there.

* Isaac Mixer, Watertown, was admitted freeman, in 1638.—*Farmer.*

Isaac Mixer, whose wife was Sarah, had Sarah, b. in Watertown, 29. 9. 1657. This is the first I find of his family; probably he had chil. older than Sarah; his wife Sarah, d. there, March 2, 1660, and, on the 10th of January following, he m. Rebecca, D. of Edward Garfield, by whom he had 11 chil. Of whom were sons, John, b. in 1668; George, in 1670; Joseph, in 1674; Daniel, in 1675; and Benjamin, in 1679.

Isaac Mixer, of Watertown, and Mary French, of Billerica, were m. June 29, 1687. From Isaac, no doubt, descended Joseph, who settled in Shrewsbury. It has been said, that the wife of Maj. Joseph Mixer, was Abigail Hardy, of Waltham; if so, she was his 2d wife, and not the mother of his children. The nine chil. above named, are called, on the town and chh. records, the children of Joseph Mixer, (sometimes giving him a military title,) and *Mary*, his wife.

Maj. Joseph Mixer was pub. to Elizabeth Ball, a widow, of Northboro', in Aug. 1777, and probably m. her; as it is said he removed to that town, and d. there.

MIXER, ASA (s. of Maj. Joseph) m. Mercy, D. of Elisha Newton, Nov. 26, 1765. Chil. *Daniel*, b. May 20, 1766; *Sarah*, May 14, 1769, and m. Abijah Nelson, in 1790; *Mercy* and *Mary*, Oct. 5, 1771; the former m. Daniel Smith, Jun., in 1793; the latter, Lemuel Harris, of Worcester, in 1791; *Elizabeth*, May 18, 1774, and m. Daniel Baird, Jun., of Worcester, April 25, 1793; *Nelly* and *Alice*, Nov. 25, 1776; the former, m. Ashbel Allen, in 1799; the latter, Daniel Smith, of Worcester, in 1797; *Joseph*, Nov. 13, 1779; *Dana*, bap. Feb. 16, 1783; *Asa*, bap. Sept. 4, 1785; and *Relief*, who m. Thomas Harrington, Jun., in 1805. There is no record of the death of his wife, Mercy. His 2d wife was Ruth Murray, of Worcester, whom he m. Dec. 24, 1793. He removed from town after 1798, and was recently living in Oxford, or vicinity, having passed his hundredth year.

MIXER, DANIEL, (s. of Asa) m. Lydia, D. of Samuel Wesson, of the Gore, in 1783. Chil. *Levinah*, July 1, 1784, and m. Amasa Nelson, in 1805; *Samuel*, Nov. 6, 1786; *Rebecca*, June 8, 1790, and d. March 30, 1810; *Julia*, June 6, 1799, and m. Harvey Ruggles, of Upton, June 30, 1819; *Daniel*, April 16, 1805, and settled in Auburn. There is no record here of their father's death.

His wid. Lydia, m. Samuel Smith, in 1818.

MIXER, DANA (s. of Asa) m. Ruth ——, and d. here, Sept. 27, 1835, aged 54, and his wife, Ruth, Feb. 16, 1822, aged 38. Chil. *Elizabeth Wilder*, b. April 26, 1803; *Mahala Angeline*, July 8, 1804; *Roxia Eleanor*, Nov. 6, 1806.

MIXER, ASA, Jun. (s. of Asa) m. Grace, D. of Capt. Thomas Harrington, Sen., Oct. 21, 1804. Child, *Nancy*. He removed to Charlton, and d. there.

MIXER, BENJAMIN, whose wife was Sarah, had *Benjamin*, bap. Feb. 19, 1741. "The parents in covenant relation with the chh. in Southboro."

MIXER, DAVID * and his wife, Hannah, had *Ezra*, b. here, Aug. 11, 1754.

MILES, Deac. SAMUEL, † whose wife was Keziah, was living on house lot, No. 7, in 1729, and came here from Concord, or that vicinity. They were ad. to this chh. in 1732. There is no record here of his death, or of that of his wife. Chil. *Mary*, b. May 31, 1730, and perhaps m. Phineas Byam, of Templeton, Oct. 7, 1765; *Sarah*, Jan. 29, 1732; *Elizabeth*, July 25, 1734, and d. in 1739; *Samuel*, May 10, 1737, and d. Oct. 11, 1756; *Keziah*, May 23, 1739, and d. in 1740; *Thomas*, Jan. 1, 1743; *Elizabeth*, Dec. 6, 1746; *Job*, May 7, 1749, and d. in 1756.

MILES, THOMAS (s. of Deac. Samuel) m. Rachel, D. of Jonas Keyes, Oct. 22, 1767. They were ad. to this chh. in 1769. His wife, Rachel, d. Sept. 5, 1803, aged 69. Chil. *Jonas Keyes*, b. Jan. 3, 1769; *Virtue*, April 13, 1770, and m. Joseph Hunt, of Sudbury, Feb. 5, 1802; *Alfred*, May 24, 1772; *Elizabeth*, Jan. 31, 1774, and m. Alvan Maynard, of Westboro', Nov. 30, 1803; *Sophia*, Sept. 28, 1776.

He m. Damaris Upham, of Spencer, in 1808, and d. Jan. 27, 1820, aged 77.

* Benjamin and David Mixer, sup. to have been brothers, and sons of Benjamin and Rebecca, of Marlboro', who had Phineas, b. in 1712; Benjamin, in 1715; Isaac, in 1716; David, in 1719; and Joseph, in 1724. Their mother was Rebecca Newton, and m. 27. 9. 1711.

† John Miles, (in old records *Myles,*) was in Concord, in 1637; and, by a 2d wife, Susannah Rediat, whom he m. in Marlboro', in 1679, had John, b. in 1680, and Samuel, in 1682. Samuel m. Sarah Foster, of Littleton, in 1706, and had Samuel, b. March 20, 1707; and Joseph, Aug. 8, 1709; both of whom settled in this town.

John, b. in 1680, m. Mary Prescott, of Concord, in 1702, and had John, b. in 1704, who m. Elizabeth Brooks, of Concord, say, in 1726. Their son, John, b. in 1727, m. Martha Warren, a wid., and D. of Deac. Russell, of Littleton, and settled in Westminster, and were the parents of the Rev. John Miles, b. in 1765, who removed to this town from Grafton, in 1826.—*Miles' Genealogy, by Rev. Henry Adolphus Miles, of Lowell.*

MILES, JONAS KEYES, (s. of Thomas) m. Mary, D. of Nathan Maynard, of Westboro', in 1798. They were ad. to the chh. in 1801. He d. May 11, 1843, aged 74. Chil. *Jonas Maynard*, b. June 7, 1799; *Mary Williams*, April 29, 1807, and m. Samuel Austin Newton, of Millbury; *Lucy Keyes*, June 1, 1810, and d. unm., Jan. 10, 1834.

MILES, ALFRED (s. of Thomas) m. Anna Grout, of Worcester, in 1807, and d. Nov. 1, 1845, aged 73. No issue.

MILES, Deac. JONAS M. (s. of Jonas K.) m. Anstiss Kendall, of Royalston, Nov. 2, 1823. Chil. *Lowell Milton*, b. June 8, 1824; *Eugene Temple*, Aug. 26, 1826.

MILES, JOSEPH (bro. of Deac. Samuel) whose wife was Jemima, was ad. to this chh. in 1734, and his wife, in 1747. He d. March 31, 1766, aged 58. Chil. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 26, 1738, and d. in 1746; *Anna*, Sept. 4, 1740, and m. Ezekiel Knowlton, in 1759; *Esther*, March 2, 1743; *Abner*, Jan. 12, 1745; *Henry*, Oct. 11, 1746; *Jemima*, Oct. 30, 1748, and m. Jonathan Peirce, in 1768; *Meliscent*, Nov. 15, 1750, and m. Abijah Kendall of Templeton, March 26, 1771; *Kezia*, Nov. 9, 1753.

MILES, ABNER (s. of Joseph) m. Deborah, D. of Phineas Underwood, of Westford, June 24, 1773. Chil. *Joel*, b. July 3, 1774; *Sarah*, Nov. 5, 1775; *Rachel*, April 17, 1777; *Jemima*, April 5, 1779; *Deborah*, Aug. 3, 1781; the two last, at Putney, Vt., to which place their parents had removed.

MILES, HENRY (s. of Joseph) m. Susannah Wilson, of Rutland, in 1770. Chil. *Joseph*, b. May 13, 1770; *Susannah*, March 10, 1772.

He removed with his family to N. H.

MILES, Rev. JOHN, grad. B. U., 1794, ord. minister of Grafton, Oct. 12, 1796, m. Mary, D. of Col. Samuel Denny,* of Leicester, May 1, 1798. Having been honorably, and by mutual consent, dismissed from his pastoral charge, he removed to this town, in 1826, and settled on the place formerly belonging to Deac. John Bragg. Chil. *Mary Denny*, b. June 25, 1799, m. Rev. Seth Alden of Marlboro', June 4, 1822, and d. July 31, 1825; *John Russell*, Sept. 23, 1801, and d. Dec. 17, 1819; *Samuel Denny*, Sept. 5, 1803, and d. 1804; *Samuel Dexter*, June 19, 1805, and d. infant; *Martha Elizabeth*, Feb. 17, 1808, and d. infant; *Henry Adolphus*, May 30, 1809, grad. B. U., 1829, m. Augusta H. Moore of Cambridge, May 28, 1833, and is settled in the ministry, in Lowell; *Sarah Henshaw*, April 27, 1811, and m. John C. Mason, in 1833; *Charles Edward*, June 11, 1813; *Elizabeth Denny*, April 30, 1815, m. George Allen, and d. in 1841; *Augusta Sophia*, Feb. 12, 1819.

MILES, CHARLES EDWARD (s. of Rev. John) m. Catharine, D. of William Denny of Leicester, May 1, 1833. Chil. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 15, 1834; *Catharine Augusta*; *Charles Denny*, b. Oct. 26, 1839.

MILLER, ISAAC, whose wife was Sarah, had *Vespasian*, b. June, 1740. "Isaac Miller, above the pond," was highway surveyor, in 1760, and living on house lot, No. 27, in 1728.

MILLER, ALEXANDER, probably from Grafton, m. Mary, D. of Daniel Smith, Nov. 28, 1797. Chil. *Clarissa*, b. Feb.

* He was b. in 1731, and m. Elizabeth, D. of Daniel Henshaw, and sister of Col. Joseph, of this town, and of William and David, of Leicester, and d. Dec. 11, 1817, aged 86. His father was Daniel, one of the earliest settlers in Leicester, (s. of Thomas,) and came from Coombs, Suffolk Co., England, and m. "Rebecca Jones, of Worcester," in Watertown, Feb. 14, 1722; in the record of their marriage, he is called "Daniel *Dinny*, of Leicester." His sister, Deborah, was the wife of the Rev. Thomas Prince, of Boston, the distinguished Chronologist; their D., Sarah Prince, m. Moses Gill, afterwards Lt. Governor. Her mother opposed her union with Prince, when he was in England—they therefore parted there, but by concert to meet and be united here.—"Love laughs at Locksmiths."

11, 1798; *Anson*, June 14, 1800. He, with his family, removed to Barre.

MILLER, DAVID from Westboro', whose wife was Lucy, and d. here, Oct. 11, 1838, aged 48. Chil. *Lucy Lucinda*, b. Feb. 18, 1825; *Clarinda Maria*, Nov. 12, 1827.

MORSE, JONATHAN, from Grafton, (perhaps originally from Medfield, once a part of Dedham; where his ancestry and that of Rev. Ebenezer Morse, can be traced back to 1635,) m. Phebe Keyes, Dec. 5, 1739. She was ad. to this chh. in 1743. His dwelling house, standing near where the late Elijah Southgate lived, was burnt in 1750. There is no record here of his or her death. Chil. *Mary*, b. Jan. 13, 1740, and sup. m. Stephen Parker, Jun., in 1760; *Hezekiah*, June 27, 1741, and d. April 28, 1757; *Thankful*, Sept. 22, 1742, and m. Nathaniel Stone, in 1760; *Louisa*, April 22, 1743; *Jonathan*, Feb. 16, 1745, and d. in 1752; *Lucretia*, July 29, 1746, and d. in 1753; *Sarah*, Aug. 16, 1749, and d. in 1753; *Elijah*, July 8, 1751; *Lucretia*, April 8, 1753; the two last, perhaps, d. very young; there is a record of the baptism of the others, but not of these; *Sarah*, Nov. 25, 1754.

MORSE, Rev. EBENEZER, a native of Medfield, grad. H. U., 1737, ord. minister of the N. P., in this town, Dec. 26, 1743, m. Persis, D. of John Bush, Nov. 27, 1745, dismissed in a summary manner by his parishioners in June, 1775, and excluded from the pulpit on account of his *toryism*, and that without the intervention of an ecclesiastical council, confined to and within the limits of his parish by a vote of the town, and redismissed by advice of an ecclesiastical council, in Nov. next following, practised for several years afterwards, as physician, and was pub. for marriage, Jan. 1, 1790, to Rebecca, wid. of Thomas Symmes of this town, a patriot, who d. in the revolutionary war. It is now said *that* was done without her consent—he took nothing by his motion, and d. in 1802, in his 84th year. Chil. *John*, b. July 15, 1746; *Mary*, Dec. 24, 1747; *Eliakim*,

April 7, 1750, and d. in 1758; *Joshua*, March 8, 1752; *Ebenezer*, June 11, 1754, and d. infant; *Ebenezer*, July 10, 1755; *Joseph*, Jan. —, 1757, and m. Sophia Bigelow, May 4, 1780; *Eliakim*, Feb. 10, 1759; *Amherst*, Nov. 11, 1760; *Annis*, May 19, 1764, and m. Samuel Andrews; *Mary*, Aug. 12, 1767, and sup. m. Jason Abbott.

MORSE, JOHN (s. of Rev. Ebenezer) m. Elizabeth, D. of Thomas Andrews, May 11, 1769. Child, *John*, b. Jan. 15, 1773. Removed to Newfane, Vt.

MORSE, JOSHUA (s. of Rev. Ebenezer) m. Levinah, D. of Ephraim Holland, April 29, 1773. Child, *Tabitha*, b. Sept. 8, 1773.

MORSE, Dr. ELIAKIM, (s. of Rev. Ebenezer) m. Mary, D. of Capt. Benjamin Eddy, Sept. 22, 1786; she d. April 26, 1800. Chil. *Benjamin*, *John*, and perhaps others. Benjamin and John entered H. U., in 1808, and left on account of ill health before they had finished their collegiate course, and d. soon after. His 2d wife was Mary, D. of William Hunt of Watertown, whom he m. in 1801. He yet lives, (May 1, 1847.)

MORSE, Lt. JOSEPH, (where from, unknown,) whose wife was Mary, had *Alpheus*, b. Oct. 27, 1751; *Sophia*, May 6, 1754; *Joseph*, Oct. 3, 1756, and sup. to have d. in West Boylston, in 1825, aged 68; *William*, Sept. 28, 1767.

Lt. Joseph Morse d. here, May 27, 1814, aged 80; probably not the above Lt. Joseph, as, according to his age at death, he was but about 17, when Alpheus was born.

Hannah Morse was pub. to Odoardo Thomas, in April, 1757.

Rachel Morse m. James Saddler, (both called of this town,) April 24, 1764.

Mary Morse m. Rev. Asaph Rice, of Westminster, Dec. 26, 1765.

MUZZY, BENJAMIN* sup. from Sudbury, and his wife, Hannah, were ad. to this chh. in July, 1753. Chil. (no births recorded,) *Benjamin* and *Hannah*, "a pair of twin children," bap. Aug. 15, 1753; *James*, bap. Jan. 2, 1757; *Seth*, bap. Oct. 8, 1758; *Benoni*, bap. April 26, 1760; before which time the father had d.; probably in the army. His wid., Hannah, was Administratrix of his estate, in 1760, and sup. to have m. Ebenezer Perry of Worcester, in 1761.

MUZZY, JOSEPH, Jun. (sup. from Sud. and s. of Joseph) m. Hannah Merriam of Grafton, in 1763. Chil. *Jonathan*, b. Nov. 2, 1764; *Nathan*, Sept. 15, 1766; *Miriam*, April 1, 1768; *Hannah*, Jan. 18, 1770; *Sarah*, Dec. 29, 1771, and m. Crispus Graves, in 1790; *Annis*, May 16, 1774, and m. Samuel Peirks, in 1793; *Joseph*, Jan. 28, 1776; the chh. records say "he was b. *after* the decease of his father, Joseph Muzzy." No record here of the father's death.

MUZZY, JONATHAN (s. of Joseph, Jun.) m. Miletiah Clark of Medfield, in 1788. Chil. *Jacob*, b. April 14, 1788; *Hannah*, Feb. 12, 1790.

MUZZY, NATHAN (bro. of preceding) m. Mary, D. of John Peirks, March 30, 1790, and d. Oct. 6, 1809, aged 43. Chil. *Robert*, b. May 4, 1791, and d. unm. May 24, 1817; *Thomas Hammond*, Jan. 14, 1793; *Abigail Peirks*, Feb. 4, 1795, and m. Stephen Bellows in 1817; *Joseph Hastings*, Jan. 21, 1797; also the following, whose births are not on record;

* Robert Muzzy, who was in Ipswich in 1635, had Joseph, who m. Esther Jackman, Feb. 9, 1671, and d. in 1680. Joseph and Esther had Joseph b. Dec. 21, 1677, and Benjamin, Aug. 17, 1680. Joseph m. Joanna Pettingill in 1700, and had Joseph, b. in 1703. A Joseph Muzzy m. Patience Rice, both of Sudbury, March 24, 1721. His son, Joseph, is probably the Joseph who settled here and is called *Jun.*, on the chh. and town records. Whether Benjamin who settled here was his brother, is unknown. A Benjamin Muzzy in Sudbury, m. Elisather Witherbee of Stow, July 30, 1761, and Hannah Bennet, perhaps a 2d wife, Dec. 25, 1765. A Benjamin Muzzy, whose wife was Sarah, perhaps he was a son of Robert, had Benjamin, b. in Cambridge, Feb. 20, 1689.

they were all bap. on the 22d day of May, 1807, viz: *Jonathan, Nathan, Charles,* and *John Peirks.*

MUZZY, JOSEPH H. (s. of Nathan) went from town, perhaps to Grafton, m., and after some years returned with a family. No births recorded here. He d. Nov. 21, 1843, aged 47, and his wife, Abigail, Jan. 23, 1836, aged 32.

Lois Muzzy m. Isaac Drury, in 1754.

Abigail Muzzy m. Joseph Sherman, Jun., Feb. 4, 1766.

MUNROE, PHILIP (perhaps a s. of Nathan of Lexington, who m. Mercy Benjamin of Watertown, Nov. 23, 1738) had chil. *Abraham,* bap., also *Abigail,* Sept. 4, 1763; "the parents being in covenant relation with the chh. in Lexington." *Sarah,* bap. Oct. 14, 1764. Their births are not on record, nor the name of their mother.

MUNROE, Capt. NATHANIEL, from Carlisle, or vicinity, (perhaps a bro. of Philip) m. Lucy, D. of Jotham Bartlett of Northboro', and d. here, Aug. 28, 1814, aged 73; and his wid. Lucy, Aug. 5, 1828, aged 82. Chil. *Abraham,* b. Oct. 4, 1765; *Jonas,* Jan. 1, 1768, and d. unm. Dec. 14, 1794; *Lucy,* bap. March 25, 1770, and d. young; *Nathan,* bap. June 30, 1771, m. Martha, D. of Abraham Knowlton, March 31, 1803, and settled in Spencer; *Reuben,* bap. July 18, 1773, and d. young; *Solomon,* b. Oct. 31, 1778; *Reuben,* June 24, 1781, m. and settled in Worcester; a few years before his death, he returned here with a family, none of whose names are on record here, and d. Sept. 21, 1841, aged 60; *Dana,* b. Nov. 30, 1783; *Isaiah,* Dec. 20, 1786, m. Mary, D. of Joseph S. Temple, Jan. 1, 1811, and lives on the homestead; *Edmund,* Aug. 22, 1790, and d. unm. Aug. 24, 1833.

MUNROE, ABRAHAM (s. of Capt. Nathaniel,) m. Sarah Knight of Worcester, in 1797, and d. here, June 24, 1831, aged 66, and his wid. Sarah, Nov. 6, 1834, aged 65. Chil. *Jotham,*

b. Aug. 31, 1797, and d. in 1798; *Mary Jeffs*, May 24, 1799; *Sarah*, Aug. 8, 1800, and m. John Bartlett of Northboro', April 9, 1828; *Jonas*, Aug. 9, 1802, went to Wrentham and m. there; *Lucy Bartlett*, April 12, 1804, and m. Emery Harrington, in 1825; *Anna*, Oct. 23, 1807, and m. Calvin Harrington, in 1830; *Dennis*, Oct. 13, 1809.

MUNROE, SOLOMON (s. of Capt Nathaniel) m. Thankful, D. of Benjamin Newton of Worcester, Jan. 1, 1810. Child, *Harriet*, b. Oct. 5, 1810. He removed to Grafton, and died there.

MUNROE, DANA, (s. of Capt. Nathaniel) m. Pamelia, D. of Timothy Townsend, June 26, 1814. She d. May 24, 1824, aged 35. Chil. *Hannah*, b. Oct. 31, 1814, and m. Abel Blake of Keene, N. H.; *Maria*, Dec. 23, 1815; *Pamelia Jane*, April 15, 1817; *James Edmund*, Dec. 8, 1818, and m. Emeline, D. of Philo Slocomb; *John Henry*, April 15, 1820; *Edwards Whipple*, in 1821. The two last d. infants.

MUNROE, AARON (bro. of Capt. Nathaniel, who had a bro. Jonathan, that settled in Spencer) m. Lydia Munroe, a wid. of Woburn, originally Campbell, and lived several years, in this town, on the place now of Eber Maynard. They had no chil. They removed to Fitchburg or vicinity, where it is said he d. His wid. returned and d. here, in Feb. 1846. *Her* D., Elizabeth Wilson Munroe, m. Jason Prouty, Feb. 12, 1812, and went to Lancaster.

MUNROE, OLIVER (s. of Capt. Abraham of Northboro') m. Lydia, D. of Dr. Edward Flint, Feb. 2, 1794. She d. March 9, 1800, aged 28. Chil. on rec. here, *Charles*, b. July 17, 1795; *Lewis*, March 19, 1796; *Oliver*, Feb. 27, 1798.

He returned to Northboro', m. a D. of John Wyman, and d. there.

MAYHEW JOHN m. Hannah Rugg of Framingham, Feb. 21, 1744; he was then called of Shrewsbury. Child, *Hannah*, b. Oct. 14, 1745.

MAHONY, JAMES (probably, Mahan now) m. Jemima, D. of Benjamin Temple, Feb. 10, 1766. Child, *Hannah*, b. March 17, 1766.

MAHAN, SOLOMON (s. of David of Northboro', whose wife was Mary Bixby) m. Mary, D. of Dr. Samuel Brigham of Boylston, and settled in the Northeasterly part of this town. Chil. *George Henry*, b. Dec. 19, 1824; *Mary Ann*, July 22, 1826; *Harriet Elizabeth*, May 1, 1830; *John Davis*, Feb. 8, 1835; *Sarah Jane*, Sept. 10, 1836.

MACKWATER, JOHN and his wife Jane, were from Lynn, and had chil. bap. here, "by virtue of their enjoying such privilege with the chh. at Lynn;" viz. *Mary*, bap. Oct. 28, 1739; *Martha*, bap. July 11, 1742; *James*, bap. March 24, 1745, and d. infant; *James*, bap. June 5, 1748.

MANSFIELD, DANIEL, the name of whose wife is not on record here, had *Elizabeth*, bap. Jan. 16, 1763, "by virtue of the parents being in covenant, &c., with the chh. in Waltham."

McDOWELL, ALEXANDER and Levinah Oak, both called of this town, were m. Nov. 1, 1764, and had *John*, bap. July 15, 1765.

MASON, JONAS and his wife, Submit, had *Ruhamah*, b. here, Jan. 7, 1763.

MASON, JOHN and his wife, Mercy Penniman, came here about 1796, from Medfield; he d. Sept. 15, 1829, aged 91, and his wife, Mercy, Jan. 31, 1829, aged 88. Three chil., of adult age, *Gregory*, *John*, and *Sarah*, who m. Nathaniel Brigham, Nov. 21, 1799, came with their parents.

MASON, GREGORY (s. of John) m. Susanna, D. of George Slocomb, Nov. 16, 1797, lived on the homestead, and d. May 21, 1846, aged 72. Chil. *Charles*, b. March 7, 1798, m. Nancy, D. of Samuel Harrington of Grafton, and went to Michigan; *Vesty*, Feb. 5, 1800, and m. Christopher Wright of Northampton, April 20, 1831; *Margaret*, July 15, 1802; *Horrace*, Dec. 16, 1804; *James Penniman*, June 7, 1807, and killed, by the accidental discharge of his gun, May 31, 1821; *Henry Harding*, Jan. 11, 1815, and m. Harriet M., D. of Lyman Howe; *Albert Augustus*, July 29, 1820, altered to James Penniman, after the decease of his bro., and d. Nov. 16, 1825.

MASON, JOHN, Jun. (s. of John) m. Elizabeth Ware of Sherburne, in 1797, and lived on the place formerly of Daniel Holden, and in the latter part of life, where Dr. Williams had previously lived. He d. Aug. 21, 1843, aged 68. Chil. *Henry Harding*, b, April 29, 1801, and d. April 10, 1812; *Joseph Ware*, April 21, 1803, and d. April 24, 1806; *Martha Ware*, May 30, 1805, and m. William W. Pratt; *Emeline*, Sept. 7, 1807, and m. Joel Nurse, Jun., in 1828; *John Coolidge* and *Joseph Ware*, May 27, 1810. The former m. Sarah Henshaw, D. of Rev. John Miles, in 1833; the latter, Nancy, D. of Maj. Josiah Flint, in 1838.

MANN, EBENEZER was ad. to this chh., from that in Wrentham, in 1813—he had then been here many years, and lived in the extreme North part of the town adjoining Boylston. "Wid. Mary Mann," (probably his mother) was ad. to this chh. from that in Wrentham, in 1783. His sisters were ad., Lucretia, in 1779, and Martha, in 1785. They composed his family, and are sup. all to have d. here, but of their deaths there is no record. He m. Mary Foster, a wid. of Boylston, in 1828, and d. May 18, 1840, aged 87, and his wid. Mary, Aug. 14, 1843, aged 64. There is no birth of that family name on the town records.

"Mrs. Sarah Mann, sister of Capt. Nathaniel Allen, deceased, Sept. 10, 1766, aged 70."

MARSHALL, WILLIAM B. and his wife, Abigail Smith, came here from Providence, R. I., about 1804. Chil. *Elmira* b. Feb. 20, 1801, at Providence; *Sarah*, Sept. 9, 1803; *William*, Dec. 27, 1805; *Elizabeth Smith*, Feb. 24, 1808; *Ethelburt Augustus*, May 15, 1810; *Caroline Maria*, July 3, 1812; *Caleb Strong*, Oct. 4, 1814; *Catharine Henshaw*, Jan. 3, 1817. He removed to Providence, about 1826.

MELLEN, ABNER, from Oxford, m. Asenath, D. of Moses Sever, Aug. 24, 1800. Chil. *Henry Bainbridge; Amos Willard; Relief Fedelia; Isaac Merritt; Samuel Stillman; Otis Sever;* and *Charlotte Sophia.*

MERRIAM, TARRANT (s. of Deac. Joseph, of Grafton) m. Anna, D. of Noah Kimball of Grafton, came here with a family and settled on the farm previously belonging to Jasper Rand, where he resided a few years prior to his farm being set off to Grafton, which occurred in 1826. Chil. *Noah Kimball*, who m. Harriet, D. of Abner Harlow, in 1834; *Mary Ann*, who m. John Leland of Grafton; *Elizabeth*, who m. Samuel Flagg of Worcester; *Sarah*, who m. ——— Morton of R. I.; *Caroline*, who m. ——— Sibley of Grafton; *Hannah Maria*, b. June 5, 1822, and m. W. H. Thompson of Vt.; *Joseph Augustus*, b. Dec. 23, 1823; and *John Quincy Adams.*

McGLAUTHLIN, Capt. JOHN and his wife, Pamelia, were from Duxbury. He lived here but a few years, and d. Nov. 17, 1831, aged 42. Chil. *John*, b. here, April 5, 1827, and d. infant; *Cornelia Ann*, March 31, 1829.

MIRICK, EDMUND m. Pamelia, D. of William Smith, May 24, 1821. Child, *Sarah Lucretia*, b. Oct. 31, 1822.

McGREGORY, Rev. ELIAS, Bap. clergyman, m. Levinah Nolen of Sutton, in 1820, lived in town a short period. Child, *Lucy Hapgood*, b. March 1, 1821.

NURSE, WILLIAM * m. Rebecca Fay of Westboro', Dec. 12, 1723, and was living on house lot No. 3, in 1729, and in 1741, was set off with his farm to Westboro', where he d. April 15, 1779, and his wife, Rebecca, June 22, 1776; ages unknown. Chil. on record here, *Mary*, b. Sept. 14, 1724, and perhaps m. Eleazer Williams in Westboro', in 1742; *Samuel*, May 30, 1725, and d. infant; *Lydia*, June 23, 1727; *Daniel*, May 11, 1729, and m. Sarah Ball of Grafton, in 1758; *Benjamin*, July 1, 1731, and m. Lucy Ball of Grafton, in 1759; *Abraham*, March 23, 1733; *Rebecca*, July 2, 1734; *Priscilla*, Oct. 18, 1736; *Zeruiah*, Oct. 11, 1739, and d. Sept. 29, 1775.

Daniel Nurse and Sarah Ball were the parents of eleven chil. b. in Westboro; two of whom, Joseph, b. May 9, 1766, and Joel, b. April 13, 1774, settled here. Their father d. May 24, 1805.

NURSE, JOSEPH (s. of Daniel of Westboro') m. Hannah Davis of Grafton, in 1790, and came here about 1800, and settled on the place where he now lives. His wife Hannah, was ad. to this chh. in 1800, and d. Nov. 5, 1820, aged 52; he was ad. in 1811. Chil. *Abijah*, b. July 3, 1791, and m. Mindwell Grout of Westboro', Dec. 6, 1821; *Nahum*, Aug. 25, 1794; *Joseph*, Jan. 9, 1797, and m. Elizabeth Fiske of Worcester, in 1823; *Hannah*, Oct. 7, 1799; all in Westboro'. Hannah m. John Carter of Leominster, April 25, 1824; *Elizabeth*, Jan. 4, 1801, and m. Edward Knight of Dover, N. H., Feb. 5, 1823; *Sarah*, Oct. 14, 1804, and m. John Fiske of Worcester, April 11, 1827; *Harriet*, Feb. 16, 1807, and d. Feb. 4, 1833; *Mary*, March 19, 1809, and d. infant.

* Francis Nurse, Salem Village, had chil. John, Sarah, Rebecca, Samuel, Francis, Mary, Elizabeth and Benjamin. Their mother was hung in the witchcraft delusion, July 19, 1692.—*Farmer.*

Francis Nurse, whether the son of Francis of Salem Village, is unknown, was in Sherburne, whose wife was Sarah, and had Benjamin b. there, Jan. 28, 1689, and was, as sup. the father of William, who settled here. The marriage of William and Rebecca was the first that was solemnized in this township.

Ebenezer Nurse, bro. sup. of William, had a son, Moses, bap. here, July 25, 1725. This name, originally *Nourse*, is still so written by many families.

His 2d wife was Lucy Fay of Westboro', whom he m. Jan. 1, 1822. She was ad. to this chh. from that in Westboro', in Oct. following.

NURSE, NAHUM (s. of Joseph) m. Elizabeth, D. of John Baker, Jan. 1, 1818. Chil. *Lydia Baker*, b. Nov. 8, 1818; *Laura Maria*, Aug. 12, 1820, and d. in 1821; *Laura Maria*, Aug. 22, 1822.

NURSE, JOEL (s. of Daniel of Westboro') m. Anna, D. of Hananiah Parker of Southboro', (whose wife was Abigail, D. of Hezekiah Ward) in 1796, lived in Royalston a few years, came here, in 1803, with his family, and d. Nov. 16, 1830, aged 56, and his wid. Anna, May 6, 1831, aged 62. Chil. *Gilbert*, b. July 31, 1798; *Franklin*, Dec. 3, 1800; *Joel*, Jan. 19, 1803; all in Royalston, but recorded here; *Mary Ann Parker*, Oct. 13, 1805, and d. July 15, 1825.

NURSE, GILBERT (s. of Joel) m. Maria S., D. of Edward Hall of Boston, Oct. 31, 1824. Chil. *Mary Ann Parker*, b. Jan. 16, 1826; *Gilbert Davis*, Sept. 22, 1828; *Sarah Gore*, Aug. 15, 1833; *Maria Elizabeth*, Jan. 10, 1836, all in Boston. The latter d. in St. Louis, in 1839; *Walter Willey*, March 17, 1840, at St. Louis.

NURSE, FRANKLIN (s. of Joel) m. Sylvia, D. of Gilbert Taylor of Southboro', May 3, 1826, and removed to Philadelphia.

NURSE, JOEL (s. of Joel) m, Emeline, D. of John Mason, Jun., in June, 1828. She d. in Aug. 1842, aged 35. Child, *Henry Mason*, b. Sept. 21, 1831. His 2d wife was Elizabeth, D. of Lewis Bullard of Boston, whom he m. in 1844. Child, *Harriet*.

NEWTON, EDWARD * (s. of Edward of Marlboro') b. 1701, m. Elizabeth, D. of Elnathan and Mary Allen, they were ad. to this chh. in 1736, lived in the N. P., and were dis. in 1744, "to lay the foundation of a chh. in the West part of Lancaster." Chil. *Samuel*, b. Nov. 5, 1727, and d. Sept. 28, 1756; *Mary*, bap. Oct. 26, 1729; *Martha*, bap. June 11, 1732; *Esther*, b. Sept. 8, 1734, and m. John Britton, of Northboro', April 14, 1762; *Edward*, Jan. 18, 1738.

NEWTON, SAMUEL, (perhaps s. of Edward, whose s. Samuel d. in 1756, and in the record of his death called son of Samuel and Elizabeth Newton,) m. Sarah ———. Chil. *Samuel*, b. Aug. 2, 1752; and *Elijah*, (perhaps Elisha,) March 13, 1754.

NEWTON, EDWARD, Jun. (s. of Edward,) m. Sarah Winch, Feb. 7, 1759, and had *Kezia*, b. Feb. 25, 1759; *Ithamar*, Sept. 25, 1760; *Naomi*, May 13, 1761; *Elizabeth*, Feb. 21, 1764; *Asa*, Aug.21, 1765.

NEWTON, AARON (s. of Moses, and g. s. of Moses and Joanna of Marlboro') m. Eunice Newton, of Marlboro', Jan. 28, 1729, and was living here, on house lot No. 17, in that year. Chil. *Eunice*, b. Feb. 25, 1730; *Lucy*, May 28, 1731, and m. Daniel Ball, Oct. 25, 1749; *Persis*, July 1, 1733.

He was living in the N. P. in 1760, and d. before 1769.

* Richard Newton, whose wife was Anna, d. in Marlboro', Aug. 24, 1701, "almost a hundred years old." He had John, b. in Sudbury, 20. 8. 1641; Moses, 26. 1. 1646, and Daniel, Dec. 21, 1652, besides daughters.

John, m. Elizabeth ———, in Marlboro', in 1666, and d. in 1723. Thomas, s. of John, b. in 1674, m. Record Ward of Marlboro', in 1698; they both d. in Westboro', in 1746.

Thomas, s. of Thomas and Record, b. in 1700, and his bro. Obediah, b. in 1702, settled in this town.

Moses, s. of Richard, m. Joanna Larkin, June 5, 1667, and had Edward, b. in 1676, who m. Mary Lennardson, in 1700, whose s. Edward, b. 1701, settled here.

Daniel, s. of Richard, m. Susanna Moss, (Morse) in 1679, and had Ephraim, b. in 1691, who m. Christian Ripley, in 1711, and were the parents of Nahum, b. in 1715, who settled in Shrewsbury.

The three previously mentioned families, and, perhaps, that of Aaron, were set off to Lancaster, in 1768.

NEWTON, ELISHA (s. of Moses, Jun. of Marlboro') b. 1701, m. Sarah Tomlin of Westboro', Dec. 26, 1728; he was then called of Shrewsbury. She was ad. to this chh. in 1734. Their deaths are not on record, but each are said to have lived to be about 90; if so, he d. not far from 1791. Chil. *Elisha*, b. Feb. 7, 1730; *Ezekiel*, May 9, 1733; *Sarah*, Aug. 25, 1734; *Mercy*, Nov. 6, 1735, and m. Asa Mixer, in 1765; *Timothy*, May 17, 1737; *Ithamar*, April 14, 1739, and d. at Cape Breton, Aug. 22, 1758; *Solomon*, June 25, 1741; *Charles*, Aug. 28, 1742; *Sarah*, May 7, 1744, and sup. m. Solomon Bigelow, in 1761; *Persis*, July 5, 1746, and d. in 1751; *Mary*, Sept. 24, 1747, and m. Thomas Baker, Feb. 22, 1768; *Moses*, March 8, 1751.

NEWTON, ELISHA, Jun. (s. of Elisha) m. Sarah Miles of Concord, sister of Deac. Samuel, who settled here. She d. July 27, 1766. Chil. *Sarah*, b. May 15, 1751; *Persis*, Oct. 5, 1752; perhaps she, and not Ezekiel's D. Persis, m. Jonas Cook; *Keziah*, Nov. 2, 1754, and d. in 1756; *Lucretia*, Feb. 4, 1756, and sup. m. Stephen Wheelock, in 1774; *Samuel Miles*, Sept. 14, 1757; *Thankful*, Oct. 13, 1762, and m. Abraham Hager, in 1786; *Asa*, Feb. 24, 1764; *Edward*, Feb. 16, 1767.

NEWTON, EZEKIEL (s. sup of Elisha) m. Persis, D. of Samuel Wheelock, Nov. 24, 1755. Chil. *Azubah*, b. Jan. 10, 1758; *Persis*, March 22, 1759, and sup. m. Jonas Cook of Newfane, in 1775; *Ezekiel*, May 22, 1757; *Edward*, Feb. 18, 1764.

NEWTON, TIMOTHY (s. of Elisha) m. Huldah, D. of Samuel Wheelock, Jun., in 1762, and had *Relief*, b. Feb. 14, 1764, and removed to Vt. or N. H.

NEWTON, SOLOMON (s. of Elisha,) m. Hannah, D. of Daniel Hastings, May 18, 1762; they were ad. to this chh. in

1783. She d. Nov. 9, 1781, according to the record; if so, her age was about 39. Chil. *Lydia*, b. Aug. 5, 1765, and m. Marshall Newton, in 1786; *Solomon*, March 12, 1768, and d. infant; *Daniel* and *Sarah*, April 13, 1776, she m. Luther Goulding of Worcester, April 13, 1800; *Abigail*, Oct. 5, 1779, and m. Rufus Newell of Holden, Sept. 25, 1799.

He next m. Lydia Hemenway, a wid. of Worcester, in 1782, and d. May 28, 1822, aged 82, and his wid. Lydia, March 3, 1826, aged 79. Chil. *Solomon*, b. Aug. 2, 1783; *Calvin* and *Dennis*, Aug. 14, 1792.

NEWTON, CHARLES (s. of Elisha) m. Tabitha, D. of Ephraim Bouker of Westboro', in 1765, and had *Dolly*, b. Aug. 7, 1766, and m. Abraham Hager, in 1781; *Azubah*, April 27, 1767, and sup. m. John Davis of Northboro', in 1802; *Ezra*, Nov. 22, 1774, and probably settled in Princeton; *Mary*, bap. March 31, 1777; *Tabitha*, July 25, 1781.

NEWTON, MOSES (s. of Elisha) m. Grace, D. of Thomas Harrington, May 25, 1780; they were ad. to chh. here, in 1792. He d. Dec. 5, 1799, aged 48; and his wid. Grace, Dec. 13, 1817, aged 70. Chil. *Dana*, b. June 14, 1782, and *Grace*, July 28, 1787, m. Thomas B. Eaton of Worcester, Sept. 17, 1812, and d. here, Jan. 14, 1813.

NEWTON, ASA (s. of Elisha, Jun.) m. Catharine, D. of Samuel Jennison, in 1784. She d. Aug. 5, 1828, aged 61. Chil. *Mary*, b. July 7, 1785, and d. infant; *Mary Jennison*, Jan. 18, 1787, and m. Shepley Caswell, Dec. 2, 1819; *Edward*, Nov. 4, 1789, m. Sarah Doubt, D. of Gershom Brown, Sept. 28, 1830, and d. Aug. 3, 1839; *Elizabeth*, May 19, 1792; *Sarah*, Aug. 17, 1794, and m. Daniel McClure of Mendon, in 1827; *Eunice*, March 31, 1797, and d. in 1807; *Levi*, July 1, 1799, and m. Thankful S., D. of William Newton, in 1830; *Samuel*, April 7, 1801; *Charles*, April 14, 1805; *Joseph*, June 10, 1818.

He next m. Lydia Cooper, a wid. of Northbridge, Jan. 12, 1832, and d. Oct. 19, 1836, aged 73.

NEWTON, DANIEL (s. of Solomon) m. Lucy, D. of Daniel Maynard, Jan. 31, 1803, and removed from town. She d. Oct. 19, 1818, and he returned with his chil., *Daniel, Eunice, Philo Slocomb, John, Lucy Maynard,* and *Hannah,* and m. Dolly, wid. of Moses Haven, April 17, 1825, and d. March 6, 1827, aged 51.

NEWTON, SOLOMON, Jun. (s. of Solomon) m. Patience, D. of Eliakim Hastings of Boylston, in 1805. She was ad. to chh. here, in 1806. Chil. *Emery,* b. May 5, 1806; *Elizabeth Hastings,* June 17, 1808; *Louisa,* July 3, 1810; *Ruth,* Oct. 22, 1812; *Henry,* June 5, 1816, and d. infant; *Dennis,* July 21, 1817. This family removed to Ohio.

NEWTON, DENNIS (s. of Solomon) m. Sarah Heywood of Worcester, in 1820, and had *Leonard,* b. Dec. 7, 1821; *Sarah Elizabeth,* June 20, 1828; *Louisa,* Jan. 9, 1831; *Lydia Maria,* March 22, 1834.

NEWTON, CALVIN (s. of Solomon) m. Martha, D. of Capt. John Rice, March 24, 1812, and had *William Bucklin,* b. Dec. 6, 1812; *Joseph,* Dec. 2, 1816; *Martha,* Nov. 27, 1818; *Abigail,* Feb. 8, 1820; *John Calvin,* Jan. 13, 1823; *Susan,* Jan. 31, 1825; *Charles Henry,* Sept. 13, 1827; *George Albert,* Jan. 8, 1833.

NEWTON, THOMAS (s. of Thomas and Record of Marlboro') b. in 1700, m. Anna Wilson of Lancaster, March 29, 1727. He was then called of Shrewsbury; she was ad. to this chh. in 1742. He lived in N. P., near to Lancaster, and had *Levi,* b. Feb. 17, 1728; *Amariah,* April 24, 1729; *Anna,* May 13, 1730; *Solomon,* Feb. 3, 1732; *Mary,* Oct. 18, 1735; *Sarah,* May 4, 1738.

NEWTON, OBEDIAH (bro. of the preceding) b. in 1702, whose wife was Abigail, had *Phineas,* b. Feb. 5, 1726, and *Abigail,* June 20, 1727, both in Marlboro', and recorded there; *Marshall,* here, Aug. 23, 1729; *Ruth,* April 5, 1733, and m. Phineas Park of Sutton, Oct. 25, 1750; *Jonas,* Aug. 5, 1737; *John,* July 11, 1739.

NEWTON, MARSHALL (s. of Obediah) m. Eunice, wid. of Daniel Howe, and D. of William Taylor, Aug. 13, 1751. He was a Lieutenant in Col. Williams' Reg., in the French war of 1756. Chil. *Daniel,* b. March 13, 1752; *Eunice,* March 13, 1754, and m. Ephraim Holland, Jun., Feb. 17, 1783; *Marshall,* Jan. 13, 1757, m. Lydia, D. of Solomon Newton, Dec. 28, 1786, and settled in Vt. Eunice, wife of Marshall Newton, d. July 1, 1759, aged 30.

He next m. Hannah Roberts of Marlboro', July 30, 1761, and d. May 5, 1783, aged 54, and his wid. Hannah, May 26, 1794. Chil. *Calvin,* b. March 8, 1762, and *Liberty,* May 8, 1766.

NEWTON, Maj. CALVIN (s. of Marshall) m. Elizabeth, D. of Elisha Keyes, Jan. 16, 1787; both ad. to chh. in 1790. Chil. *Moses Roberts,* b. Oct. 29, 1787; *Azubah,* Feb. 9, 1789; *Calvin,* July 6, 1791; *Elizabeth,* Oct. 18, 1793, and d. in 1796; *Eunice,* June 9, 1795; *Lewis Keyes,* Nov. 14, 1797.

He removed with his family to Shoreham, Vt., about 1799, and d. at the Falls of Lake George, in 1830, aged 68.

NEWTON, DANA, (s. of Moses) m. Hannah Cheney of Ward, now Auburn, in 1808; she d. April 15, 1833, aged 46. Chil. *Charles Harrington,* b. Aug. 23, 1808; *Simeon Bruce,* Oct. 24, 1810; *Moses Dana,* April 29, 1813, and killed by falling from the beams upon a cart stake, which pierced his body, July 30, 1827; *Asa Cheney,* Jan. 4, 1816; *Leonard W.,* Feb. 10, 1818; *Grace,* Oct. 28, 1820, and d. in 1828; *Harriet N.*

His 2d wife was Elizabeth, wid. of ———, and D. of Jacob Hinds, sup. of West Boylston.

NEWTON, NAHUM (s. of Ephraim, and g. s. of Daniel of Marlboro') b. in 1715, m. Thankful Stow, in Marlboro', Jan. 23, 1736, and had *Jonathan*, b. there, in 1738; probably his only child. No record here of any chil., nor of his death. Thankful survived him, and d. his wid. March 18, 1769, aged 60. He lived in quite the South part of the town.

NEWTON, JONATHAN (s. of Nahum) m. Sibbillah, D. of Isaac Harrington of Grafton, and sister of Capt. Isaac of this town, Sept. 25, 1765, lived on the homestead, and d. June 24, 1808, aged 70, and his wid. Sibbillah, March 14, 1827, aged 81. Chil. *Nahum*, b. June 14, 1766; *Relief*, April 25, 1768, and d. infant; *Martin*, Dec. 21, 1770; *Antipass*, Feb. 19, 1773, and d. in 1790; *Relief*, April 25, 1775, and m. Moses Bellows, in 1804; *Thankful*, Jan. 4, 1778, and m. Joel Wesson, Jun. of Grafton Gore, in 1796; *Isaac*, April 6, 1780; *Dana*, Aug. —, 1782; *Adam*, May 26, 1787; *Jonathan*, Feb. 20, 1789.

NEWTON, NAHUM (s. of Jonathan) m. Martha, D. of John Bellows, in 1792, and d. Feb. 27, 1829, aged 63, and his wid. Martha, Dec. 23, 1839, aged 69. Chil. (no births on record,) *John Leland*, *Antipass*, who settled in Ct.; *Martha*, who m. Loring Brigham of Southboro'; *Nahum*, who m. Adaline Johnson of Worcester, and removed to Ohio; *Samuel W.*, who m. a D. of Jonas Baker of Boylston; and next, Abigail, wid. of Stillman Smith; and *Laura*, who m. in Boylston.

NEWTON, Capt. MARTIN (s. of Jonathan) m. Lucretia, wid. of Adam Harrington in 1794. Chil. *Melinda*, b. Aug. 5, 1796, and m. William Bates of Millbury, in 1828; *Nancy*, in 1800, and m. James Buswell, June 24, 1819, and went to N. Y., and *Miriam*, in 1802, and d. young.

NEWTON, ISAAC (s. of Jonathan) m. Sarah, D. of David Nelson, Dec. 25, 1806, lived on the homestead, and d. in Aug. 1846, aged 66, and his wife, Sarah, Sept. 18, 1831, aged 48. Chil. *Charles Austin*, b. Nov. 24, 1807; *Melissa*, April 29, 1809; *Chester Vernon*, April 2, 1812; *Susanna*, March 5, 1814; *Adam Henry*, March 13, 1816; *David Nelson*, Aug. 25, 1823.

NEWTON, DANA (s. of Jonathan) m. Miriam, D. of Moses Smith of Barre, in 1802, and d. Oct. 31, 1835, aged 53. Chil. (no births on record) *Harrison*, who went to Barre; *Courtland*, who m. Pamelia B. Hinds of Millbury, in 1832; *Moses Smith*, *Lysander*, *Oliver*, and *Miriam*.

NEWTON, JONATHAN (s. of Jonathan) m. Anna, D. of Paul Knowlton, Feb. 22, 1815, lived on the homestead and d., say, 1830; if so, aged 41. Chil. *Andrew Jackson*, b. Oct. 9, 1815; *Alexander Jacob*, July 21, 1819; *Ann Jerusha*, Nov. 12, 1821.

NEWTON, CHARLES A. (s. of Isaac) m. Mary Ann, D. of Stephen Stearns, in 1823, and had *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. May 10, 1834, and *Susan Elvira*, Dec. 26, 1841.

NEWTON, CHESTER V. (s. of Isaac) m. Harriet Newell, D. of Daniel Maynard, and lives on the homestead of his first ancester, here.

NEWTON, EZEKIEL (sup. s. of Daniel, or Moses, Jun., of Marlboro') whose wife was Dorothy, had *Dorothy*, b. March 28, 1750; *Ephraim*, Nov. 10, 1752; and *Elizabeth*, Jan. 20, 1761.

NEWTON, WILLIAM (from Framingham) whose wife was Abigail, D. of Benjamin Newton of Worcester, had *Thankful S.*, who m. Levi Newton, in 1830; *William*, *George Hol-*

brook, Elizabeth, who m. in Lancaster; *Melinda, Benjamin, Daniel, Charles M., Martin, Luther,* and *Sarah C.*

NORCROSS, WILLIAM m. Lydia Wheeler, Nov. 6, 1741. Chil. *William,* b. March 18, 1742, and d. infant; *Daniel,* May 9, 1745; *Sarah,* Oct. 1, 1746, and d. infant; *William,* Sept. 20, 1748; *Sarah,* June 3, 1759, and m. George Filmore, in 1779.

NORCROSS, JOSIAH had *John,* who m. Mary Bigelow of Boylston, in 1818; *Josiah,* who m. Sarah Wakefield, in 1820; *Fanny,* who m. Simon Allen of Princeton; *Sarah,* who m. Jarvis Smith, in 1826, and perhaps others, who came here with him; the name of their mother unknown; she had probably deceased before he removed here. He m. Sarah Rand of Princeton, in 1809. She d. March 25, 1825, aged 34. Chil. (no births on record) *Elvira,* who d. Jan. 6, 1821, aged 11 years; *Abigail, Thomas R. Edwin,* and altered to Henry William, who m. Eunice, D. of Abner Stow of Grafton.

He next m. Elizabeth, D. of Zenas Stone.

NOYES, SAMUEL* (from Sudbury) m. Rachel, D. sup. of Hezekiah Pratt of Westboro', June 7, 1757. He was then called of Shrewsbury. Child, *Rachel,* b. March 22, 1758, and m. Daniel Tucker, in 1777. "The mother d. suddenly, in a fit, when the child was about a fortnight old."—*Chh. record.*

* Peter and Thomas Noyes, (on old records, *Noyce, Noice,*) shared in the division of Sudbury meadows, in 1638, and may have been brothers. Deac. Peter Noyes d. there in 1657, and Thomas Noyes, in 1666. Peter Noyes, probably a son of Peter or Thomas, m. Elizabeth Darrell there, Nov. 30, 1654, and had Elizabeth, b. in 1655, and Peter in 1656.

A Joseph Noyes and Mary Darrell were m. there, in 1662, and had 8 chil. b. there, between 1662 and 1676; of them were Joseph, b. in 1663; James, 1664; Moses, 1667; and John, 1674. Their mother d. in 1677, and their father m. Mary, wid. of Maj. Simon Willard, in 1680. His s. Joseph, m. Ruth Haynes of Sudbury, Dec. 20, 1693. Joseph, of Sudbury, sup. s. of Joseph and Ruth, m. Elizabeth Gilbert, Nov. 18, 1734, and were the parents of Daniel, who settled here.

Samuel, abovementioned, was a relative of Daniel, and s. (it is said) of Peter, of Sudbury. I cannot now trace his immediate ancestry.

He next m. Anna, D. of Amos Pratt of Westboro', April 9, 1759; both ad. to chh. in 1810. He d. Nov. 25, 1826, aged 94, and his wife, Anna, without issue, Nov. 2, 1826, aged 89. Their lamps went out for want of oil.

NOYES, DANIEL (s. of Joseph of Sudbury) m. Ruth Reed there, Nov. 1, 1764. She d. here Dec. 2, 1812, aged 68. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. May 9, 1766, and d. Sept. 14, 1787; *Relief*, Oct. 19, 1769, and d. Nov. 12, 1778; *Sarah*, April 2, 1774, and m. Jonathan R. Smith, in 1793; *Luther*, May 22, 1776, m. Azubah, D. of Samuel Smith, April 14, 1799, and settled in Oakham; *Asahel*, July 8, 1780; *Daniel Gilbert*, June 22, 1784, and d. in 1786; *Daniel Gilbert*, Dec. 5, 1786; *Elizabeth*, Feb. 5, 1789, and m. John Fay of Westboro', March 13, 1808.

He next m. Abigail, (Lynde) wid. of Lemuel Rice of Worcester, in 1816. They were ad. to this chh. in 1817, she, from that in Worcester. He d. Feb. 3, 1824, aged 83, and his wid. Abigail, April 6, 1837, aged 90.

NOYES, ASAHEL (s. of Daniel) m. Abigail, D. of Deac. Jonathan Fasset of Boylston, in 1802. She was ad. to chh. March, 1811, and d. the 29th of May following, aged 30; and he, Oct. 7, 1812, aged 32; both of consumption. Chil. *Isaac Reed*, b. Jan. 29, 1803, m. Sarah Flint, D. of Ebenezer Drury, Sept. 16, 1828, and removed to N. Y.; *Benjamin*, Aug. 4, 1805, and went to the South; *Asahel*, bap. May 17, 1811, and d. infant.

NOYES, DANIEL G. (s. of Daniel) m. Hannah W., D. of Capt. Thomas Knowlton, May 27, 1817. Chil. *Cynthia Elizabeth*, b. April 21, 1818; *Sarah Maria*, July 12, 1820; *Calvin Witherby*, Nov. 13, 1827.

NOYES, RICHARD PRATT (from Sudbury) and his wife, Elizabeth Brown, had *Samuel*, b. March 11, 1815; *Mary Ann*,

Feb. 18, 1817; *Elizabeth*, Dec. 5, 1819; *Sarah Brown*, Jan. 29, 1822; *Samuel Brown*, Dec. 29, 1823; *James Richard*, July 12, 1826.

NOYES, DANIEL (bro. of the preceding) and his wife, Martha, from Sudbury, about 1829, purchased and settled upon what was once the Brewer farm, and had chil., not all b. here, but on record, as follows, *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 3, 1826; *George Franklin*, Oct. 4, 1828; *William Addison*, July 23, 1830; *Weltha Maria*, April 29, 1833; *Ellen Louisa*, Jan. 13, 1836; *Martha Ann*, July 28, 1838.

NELSON, DAVID* (s. of Deac. Jonathan of Upton, a native of Rowley) m. Susanna Bacheller, and came here from Upton, in 1760, with a family of children, viz: *Abijah*, who m. Sarah, D. of Asa Mixer, in 1790, lived in Leicester some years, and d. here, March 15, 1734, aged 72; no issue; *David; Solomon*, who m. Elizabeth Dunn of Northbridge, and removed to Ohio; *Daniel*, who m. Sarah Smith of Orange, Vt., and with a family of chil. (no births on record here,) removed to Ohio; *Susanna*, who m. Capt. Peter Salter, in 1784, removed to the Western part of N. Y., and had Isaac Harrington, Susanna Nelson, Thankful Newton, Adam Harrington, and David Nelson;

* Thomas Nelson and his wife, Joan, with sons, Philip and Thomas, b. in England, were in Rowley, in 1638, where he was made freeman, the 23d of May, in that year, and d. in England, in 1648, His s. Thomas, m. Ann Lambert, and had Thomas, b. in 1661; Jonathan, in 1667; Gershom, in 1672; and Francis, in 1676. Francis m. Mary Ray, and had Solomon, b. in 1703; David, in 1707; and Jonathan, in 1713.—*Gage's History of Rowley.*

It has been supposed by the descendants of David, that Solomon Nelson came from England, settled in Rowley, and was the father of Jonathan, afterwards of Upton, and g. father of David, who came with his family to this town. *It may have been so;* but, it no where appears of record, that a Solomon Nelson from England, settled in Rowley, or that a Solomon Nelson in Rowley had a s. Jonathan.

Thomas, who m. Lambert, was from *England*, and was father of Francis, and g. father of Jonathan, b. in 1713, who was probably the Jonathan, who settled in Upton; if so, David, b. about 1737, was a g. s. of *Francis*. Solomon, b. in 1703, (and he was the only Solomon there, until a later period) besides not having come from England, could hardly have had a g. s. born so early as 1737.

Jonathan ; Josiah ; Amasa, b. Oct. 2, 1780 ; and *Sarah*, who m. Isaac Newton, in 1806. His wife, Susanna, d. Jan. 3, 1785.

The 2d wife of David Nelson was Susanna, D. of John, and sister of Samuel Brigham, whom he m. Nov. 24, 1785, and d. May 12, 1827, aged 90, and his wid. Susanna, March 12, 1830, aged 85.

NELSON, DAVID, Jun. (s. of David) m. Lucy Adams, of Northbridge. Chil. (no births on record here) *Sarah, Lucy, Elizabeth, Melissa, Louisa, Mary, Harriet, Rinda*, and *Clarinda.*

NELSON, Capt. JONATHAN (s. of David) m. Eunice, D. of Jasper Stone, March 8, 1798, and d. here, June 1, 1827, aged 54. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. March 12, 1799, and m. Nahum Eager, in 1820 ; and next William W. Parker, and removed to Albany, N. Y. ; *Jasper Stone*, March 27, 1800, and d. Dec. 7, 1821 ; *David*, June 6, 1801, and went to Illinois ; *Sarah*, June 8, 1803, and sup. m. John Putnam, Jun., of Grafton, May 5, 1829 ; *Charles Lewis*, Nov. 26, 1805, m. it is said, and removed to Princeton ; *Hannah Stone*, Oct. 22, 1809, and went to Princeton ; *Jonathan H.*, April 26, 1812, and m. Adaline Keyes, D. of Josiah Hemenway.

NELSON, JOSIAH (s. of David) m. Sophia Goddard of Worcester, June 28, 1812, and had *Henry Harrison*, b. Jan. 23, 1813, and d. Feb. 10, 1815 ; *Luther*, March 31, 1816 ; *Henry*, Feb. 20, 1819 ; *Jasper Stone*, June 2, 1822.

NELSON, AMASA (s. of David) m. Levinah, D. of Daniel Mixer, Oct. 27, 1805. Chil. *Louisa*, b. April 20, 1806, and d. Jan. 26, 1811 ; *Amasa*, Nov. 16, 1807 ; *Samuel Freeman*, Oct. 9, 1809 ; *Louisa Rebecca*, March 31, 1811 ; *Cynthia Levinah*, Jan. 3, 1813, and d. —— ; *Marietta, Leonard, Jubal, Adam Harrington, Julia Ann, Lucy*, and *Eliza.*

NICHOLS, Capt. JOSEPH (sup. from Westboro') came here about 1804, built and lived on the place now of Silas Maynard, and removed from town about 1812. There is no record of a birth or a death in his family while here. The births of some of his younger chil., but not those of the older, are recorded in Westboro'—whence it may be inferred he lived there but a few years, before he came here. By the record there it appears that "Joseph Nichols d. Sept. 15, 1796, and his wife, Judith, Aug. 21, 1796." Probably they were the parents of Capt. Joseph, the name of whose wife is sup. to have been Thankful. *Miri-Ann*, b. Aug. 24, 1796; *Joseph*, Dec. 8, 1798; *Caroline*, June 3, 1801; and *Louisa*, April 25, 1803, are there called the chil. of Capt. Joseph and Thankful Nichols. His D. *Pamelia*, m. John Meacham, Jun. of Watertown, May 7, 1809, and his s. *James*, m. Abigail Cloyes of Framingham, in 1811, and removed to Westboro', where he had Abigail, who d. here unm. March 28, 1839, aged 26, and Maria, June 24, 1839, aged 16.

OLIVER, STEPHEN (a native of Roxbury) m. Mary, D. of Jedediah Tucker, Jun., Dec. 2, 1798. She d. here, Nov. 26, 1842, aged 65. Chil. (no births on record here;) the following are, at Westboro', where he lived a few years, and came here about 1818; *William*, b. March 13, 1810; *Marshall*, June 16, 1812; *Stephen*, April 26, 1814; and perhaps *Mary Ann*, who m. Dexter Pratt.

PRATT, ELEAZER m. Ruhamah Tomlin of Westboro', Jan. 15, 1729, and was living on house lot, No. 1, in 1728. Chil. *Hannah*, b. May 1730; *Ruhamah*, April 16, 1732, and sup. m. Thomas Frost of Westboro' in 1760; *Mary*, Dec. 11, 1734, and sup. m. Silas Frost of Westboro', in 1761; *Sarah*, Oct. 11, 1736, and m. Jacob Knowlton of Hardwick, in 1759; *Rufus*, Oct. 2, 1738, m. Hannah Ball of Westboro', May 11, 1763, and settled in Hardwick; *Reuben*, Sept. 7, 1741, and sup. m. Ruth Williams of Westboro', in 1768; *Eleazer*, Oct. 20, 1743, and m. Mary Druce of Grafton, Sept. 26, 1776.

Eleazer Pratt was set off to Westboro', in 1762.

PRATT, AMOS (from Westboro', sup. bro. of the preceding, and, of Hezekiah, John and Isaac of Westboro',) m. Anna, D. of Elnathan and Mary Allen, Dec. 12, 1722. She was ad. to this chh. in 1727 and he, in 1734. There is no record here of the death of either of them. Chil. *Elnathan*, b. Dec. 8, 1723; *Amos*, Oct. 18, 1725; *Isaac*, July 27, 1727; *Alpheus*, Sept. 7, 1731; *Mercy*, Aug. 31, 1733, and sup. m. Jotham Death, March 5, 1751; *Anna*, May 14, 1738, and m. Samuel Noyes, in 1759; *Mary*, Oct. 19, 1742, and may have been the Mary Pratt, who was pub. to Solomon Fay, July 24, 1761, both then called of Shrewsbury.

PRATT, JOSIAH m. Sarah Wilson, Oct. 8, 1724, and had *Joseph*, b. here, Aug. 16, 1725.

Thomas Pratt, and Sarah, his wife, of Hassanamisco, were ad. to this chh. in 1724, and he dis. Dec. 12, 1731, in order to laying the foundation of a chh. there; his wife, Sarah, was dis. to that chh. in March of the next year.—*Chh. Records.*

PRATT, ELNATHAN (s. of Amos) m. Abigail, D. of Maj. Joseph Mixer, April 26, 1748. She d. Sept. 10, 1808, aged 78, and he, Jan. 20, 1813, aged 89. Chil. *Abigail*, b. June 10, 1749, and d. infant; *Seth*, March 24, 1751; *Joseph* and *Benjamin*, March 22, 1753; the latter d. infant; *Benjamin*, Aug. 1, 1755; *Abigail*, in 1758, and m. Samuel Smith, in 1778; *Nathan*, Nov. 11, 1759; *Thankful*, Oct. 6, 1761, and m. Caleb Parker, in 1781; *Bulah*, Oct. 11, 1763, and m. Peter Cary; *Zilpah*, ———; *Sarah*, Oct. 22, 1765, and m. Jonathan Harrington, in 1783; *Shepard*, July 28, 1773.

PRATT, ISAAC (s. of Amos) m. Hepzibah Brown, Sept. 21, 1749. They were ad. to this chh. in 1763. Chil. *Amos*, b. Sept. 23, 1750; *Samuel*, Nov. 4, 1752; *Alvan*, Sept. 23, 1754; *Sene*, (Asenath) March 28, 1757, and d. infant; *Sene*, Oct. 1, 1759; *Vienna*, Feb. 17, 1762; *Emerson*, April 19, 1764; *Vashni*, July 26, 1768, m. Joanna, D. of Daniel Tucker, Sept. 30, 1798, and settled in Marlboro', Vt.; *Annis*, Oct. 8, 1771.

PRATT, ALPHEUS (s. of Amos) m. Lydia, D. of Maj. Joseph Mixer, Jan. 23, 1753. Chil. *Lydia*, b. July 4, 1753, and m. Elnathan Allen, Jun., in 1773; *Stephen*, April 30, 1755, and m. Lucy, D. of Jed. Tucker, Jun., Sept. 8, 1783; *Ebenezer*, Feb. 27, 1757; *Anna Saphira*, March 23, 1759; *Mary*, June 24, 1761; *Asa*, bap. May 24, 1764; *Orlin*, bap. March 30, 1766; *Levi*, bap. July 5, 1772; *Nathaniel*, bap. Dec. 19, 1773. The parents removed to Marlboro', Vt., and d. there.

PRATT, Capt. SETH (s. of Elnathan) m. Margaret Stacey of Hopkinton, in 1772. Chil. *Joseph*, b. May 26, 1774; *Hannah*, Nov. 30, 1775, and m. Schuyler Fisher, March 8, 1798; they went to Richfield, N. Y.; *Abigail*, May 3, 1777, and m. Amasa Holden, in 1797; they went to Penn Yan, N. Y.; *Elnathan*, Nov. 16, 1778, m. Cornelia, D. of Levi Bush of Worcester, and settled there, and d. in Alton, Ill., in 1833; *Nymphas*, Dec. 24, 1780; *Margaret*, Aug. 20, 1782, and m. Daniel Holden; *Relief*, June 20, 1784, and m. Moses H. Felton of Barre; *Seth*, April 5, 1786; *Alice*, Aug. 6, 1791, m. Phineas Haywood, and d. in 1812, aged 21.

Capt. Pratt removed to Barre, about 1806, and d. there, April 5, 1829, aged 78; and his wid. Margaret, in Sept. following, aged 83.

PRATT, BENJAMIN (s. of Elnathan) m. Sarah, D. of Joseph Temple, Aug. 15, 1776, and had *Zilpah*, bap. March 22, 1778; *Reuben*, bap. Oct. 22, 1780; *Mary*, bap. Feb. 5, 1782; *John Gilbert*, bap. May 15, 1785, and removed from town.

PRATT, NATHAN (s. of Elnathan) m. Dolly, D. of Stephen Parker, Feb. 10, 1786. They were ad. to this chh. in 1788. She d. Nov. 16, 1834, aged 72. He, extensively known as "master Pratt," and a long succession of years, an efficient and praiseworthy school-master, d. May 11, 1847, aged 87½. Chil. *Martha*, b. July 22, 1780, and m. Seth Hemenway,

in 1800; *Lewis*, Oct. 19, 1783; *Caleb*, July 19, 1786, mate and supercargo of a vessel, taken prisoner on the high seas by the Spaniards, and carried to St. Domingo, where he d. of yellow fever, Oct. 22, 1809; *Thankful*, May 15, 1788, and d. infant; *Thankful*, April 15, 1791, and m. Luke Knowlton Rice, in 1811; *Samuel Austin*, Aug. 9, 1794; *Phebe*, Jan. 18, 1797, and d. unm. Oct. 30, 1830; *Nathan*, July 5, 1800; *Dexter*, Aug. 10, 1803, and m. Mary Ann Oliver; and she dying, he m. again in N. Y., went to Mexico, and d. there, at Valadolid, some years since; *Otis*, May 15, 1806, m. Elizabeth Putnam of Sutton, and settled there.

PRATT, SHEPARD (s. of Elnathan) m. Catharine Walker of Worcester, in 1801, and ad. to this chh. in 1822. Chil. *William Walker*, b. Jan. 13, 1803; *Mary*, Feb. 9, 1804, and m. Levi Green, in 1825; *Joseph Harvey* and *Henry Benjamin*, Sept. 16, 1807; the former m. Emily, D. of Ephraim Goulding of Grafton, and the latter, Mary P., D. of Benjamin Brigham, April 6, 1830; *Leander Shepard*, May 19, 1812, and m. Martha, D. of Deac. Albert Stone of Grafton; *Catharine*, March 19, 1814.

PRATT, JOSEPH (s. of Seth,) m. Martha Goulding of Grafton, D. of the 2d wife of Col. Job Cushing, Oct. 3, 1796. She was ad. to this chh. in 1804. He d. Sept. 20, 1843, aged 69. Chil. *Charles Leland*, b. Jan. 2, 1797; *John Goulding* and *Sarah Brigham*, Aug. 21, 1798; *Joshua Goulding*, Jan. 24, 1801, and sup. m. Martha Arms of Deerfield, in 1825; *Edward Ayers*, Oct. 29, 1802, and sup. m. Mary Ann Stratton of Princeton, in 1827; *Catharine Hill*, bap. Dec. 7, 1804, and m. Abraham Wheelock, in 1830. And perhaps others, but not on record here.

PRATT, NYMPHAS, Esq. (s. of Seth) m. Submit, wid. of Edward Kingsbury of Brookfield, and D. of Jonah Howe, Esq., May 22, 1805. Chil. *William*, b. Jan. 30, 1806; *Caroline*, Feb. 8, 1808, and m. Dr. Lawson Myrick of Brookfield,

Jan. 29, 1829; *Abigail*, July 7, 1811, and m. Simon H. Allen, in 1835; *Allice*, July 13, 1813, and d. infant; *Charlotte Maria*, Nov. 23, 1814, and m. Dr. William Curtis of Brookfield, Jan. 1, 1840; *Frances Submit*, April 4, 1821.

PRATT, WILLIAM (s. of the preceding) grad. B. U., 1825, m. Elizabeth S. Sikes of Worcester, May 27, 1830, and settled here in the practice of the law. Chil. *Henry Sikes*, b. March 2, 1831, and d. March 10, 1837; *Clara Caroline*, March 2, 1833; *Mary B.*, Feb. 26, 1835, and d. in 1836.

He removed to Worcester, in 1835, and d. there, Feb. 2, 1839, aged 33.

PRATT, LEWIS (s. of Nathan) m. Hannah, D. of Capt. Thomas Harrington, Feb. 21, 1802, removed to Bridport, Vt., and d. leaving a numerous family, Nov. 1844, aged 61; and his wid. Hannah, in April, 1845, aged 59.

PRATT, SAMUEL AUSTIN (s. of Nathan) m. Harriet, D. of Joshua Cornish of Boston, Aug. 16, 1815. Chil. *Caleb*, b. Dec. 25, 1815; *Maria*, June 4, 1817; *Charles Henry*, Jan. 2, 1819; *Samuel Austin*, Jan. 16, 1822; *Dolly*, July 30, 1825; *George Dexter*, Dec. 28, 1829.

PRATT, NATHAN, Jun. (s. of Nathan) m. Sarah, D. of Arunah Harlow, Sept. 9, 1824. Chil. *Sarah Ellen*, b. June 5, 1824; *Edward Henry*, Nov. 4, 1826; *Emeline*, Dec. 19, 1828; *Abigail*, Oct. 8, 1831; *Clarissa*, Aug. 3, 1835; *Harriet Martineau*, June 24, 1837; *George Harlow*, March 12, 1839; and *Alvan Stewart*, Aug. 10, 1841.

PRATT, WILLIAM W. (s. of Shepard) m. Mary, D. of William Adams of Watertown, in 1825. She d. Feb. 2, 1845, aged 41. Chil. *Lowell Adams*, b. Nov. 24, 1828; *Eveline Hannah*, May 12, 1831; *Eliot William*, July 6, 1838; *Emmons Walker*, June 6, 1841.

His 2d wife was Martha Ware, D. of John Mason, Jun.

PRATT, EPHRAIM,* b. in 1687, (s. sup. of Ephraim and Elizabeth of Sudbury,) m. Martha, D. of Deac. Samuel Wheelock, July 9, 1724, and was living on house lot, No. 44, in 1729. They made a public profession of religion in 1726, and had 8 chil. b. and bap. here, viz: *Tyrus*, b. Oct. 1, 1725; *Silas*, on the town, and *Cyrus*, on the chh. record, Dec. 28, 1726; *Ephraim*, Feb. 7, 1728; *Noah*, Jan. 19, 1729; *Micah*, April 25, 1731, and said to have d. at the age of 103, where. unknown; *Abel*, July 10, 1732; *Rachel*, April 21, 1735; *Olive*, April 15, 1739, and bap. in 1742.

He removed to Shutesbury, but when unknown, and d. there, in May, 1804, aged 116.

* Joshua and Phineas Pratt came to Plymouth in 1628—the former was 30 years of age, when he left England; the latter m. Cuthbert Cuthbertson in Plymouth, and removed perhaps to Weymouth, but at last to Charlestown. The records there contain the following: "Phineas Pratt, Sen., one of the first planters in New England, joiner, d. April 10, 1680."

Joshua Pratt, Plymouth, 1628. His grandson, Ephraim Pratt, b. in East Sudbury, Nov. 1687, lived to be 116 years of years, and d. in Shutesbury, Mass., in May 1804. Michael, (this probably should be *Micah,*) a son of Ephraim, d. in 1826, aged 103.—*Farmer.*

The late Dr. Stearns of Sudbury, in a genealogical manuscript, says Ephraim Pratt, b. in 1687, was s. of Ephraim and Elizabeth Pratt. Thus it appears, Joshua of Plymouth, had a son, Ephraim, who settled in Sudbury. Eleazer, Amos, Josiah, Isaac, Thomas, and Henry Pratt, were probably relatives, perhaps some of them brothers, of Ephraim of 1687. Some of them may have been sons of Thomas and Lydia Pratt, who had Daniel, b. in Sherburne, Jan. 1, 1686; Thomas of Sherburne, I suppose to have been a son of Joshua of Plymouth, and brother of Ephraim of Sudbury. This, whether correct or not, may aid further investigation.

Whatever relates to one of the human race, who, in latter times, lives to the remarkable age of 116 years, and what still more extraordinary, retains his mental and bodily faculties to a degree rarely possessed by any, who have passed their eightieth year, is of exciting interest, and induces me to subjoin an extract from Dwight's Travels, Vol. 2d, page 353. The Rev. Dr. Dwight, President of Yale College, visited Pratt in Shutesbury, and remarks:

"He was born at Sudbury, Mass., in 1687; and in one month from the date of our arrival (Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1803.) would complete his one hundred and sixteenth year. He was of middle stature, firmly built, plump, but not encumbered with flesh; less withered than multitudes at seventy; possessed of considerable strength, as was evident from the grasp of his hand and the sound of his voice, and without any marks of extreme age. About two months before, his sight became so impaired, that he was unable to distinguish persons; his hearing, also, for a short

time had been so imperfect, that he could not distinctly hear common conversation. His memory was still vigorous, his understanding sound, and his mind sprightly in its conceptions.

"The principal part of the time, which I was in the house, he held me by the hand, cheerfully answered all my questions, readily gave me an account of himself in such particulars as I wished to know; observed to me, that my voice indicated, that I was not less than forty-five years of age, and that he must appear very old to me, adding, however, that some men, who had not passed their seventieth year, probably looked almost, or quite as old as himself. We were informed, partly by himself, and partly by his host, that he had been a laborious man all his life; and particularly, that he had mown grass one hundred and one years successively—the preceding summer he had been able to perform this labor. During this season his utmost effort was a walk of half a mile; in this walk he stumbled over a log and fell; immediately afterwards he began evidently to decline, and lost, in a considerable degree, both his sight and hearing; in the summer of 1802, he walked without inconvenience two miles, and mowed a small quantity of grass.

"Throughout his life he had been uniformly temperate; ardent spirits he rarely tasted, cider he drank at times, but sparingly. In the vigorous periods of his life, he had accustomed himself to eat flesh, but much more abstemiously than most other persons in this country. Milk, which had always been a great part, was now the whole of his diet.

"He is naturally cheerful, and humorous; apparently unsusceptible of tender emotions, and not much inclined to serious thinking. According to an account which he gave his host, he made a public profession of religion near seventy years before our visit to him, [it will be seen that it was seventy-eight years before] but was not supposed by him, or by others acquainted with him to be a religious man. He conversed easily, and was plainly gratified with the visits and conversation of strangers.

"When he was ninety-three years old, he made a bargain with his host, who told us the story, that he should support him, during the remainder of his life, for £20.

"He was never sick, but once, and then with the fever and ague; it is scarcely necessary to observe, that a man one hundred and sixteen years old, without religion, was a melancholy sight to me.

"Three or four years before this time I saw in a newspaper an advertisement written by a person, who professed and appeared to be acquainted with him and his concerns, in which it was said, that his descendants, some of whom were of the fifth generation, amounted, probably, to more than 1500."

I must apologise for not omitting the last paragraph but one, in the Dr's account of Mr. Pratt; to entertain the thought, that he was "*without religion*," was *uncharitable;* to say so *unqualifiedly* was usurping the throne of the Almighty, and passing judgment uncalled for and without knowledge.

It is a "melancholy sight" to see to what extent, spiritual pride, want of charity, and the denunciation of those, as unbelievers, and "without religion," who do not confess and profess to the liking of some, has alienated man from his fellow man, and made him the persecutor of his race for *religion's* sake.

PRATT, EPHRAIM, Jun. (s. of the preceding) m. Abial Leland, here, Oct. 10, 1752. They owned the chh. covenant in 1754. Chil. *Miriam*, b. March 19, 1754; *Abel*, Feb. 14, 1756, and d. infant; *Ephraim*, Jan 19, 1757; *Susanna*, Nov. 8, 1759, and d. Nov. 18, 1780; *Rachel*, July 15, 1761; *Lucy*, Oct. 8, 1763, and sup. m. John Kendrick of Warwick, in 1782; *Abel*, March 7, 1766, and d. infant; *Moses*, Aug. 12, 1768; *Aaron*, Feb. 12, 1771. He is said to have removed to Gardner.

An Ezekiel Pratt was in Hardwick, before 1759; a Lt. in the French war.

An Ephraim was also there, in 1779.

PRATT, EPHRAIM, Jun. (s. of Ephraim and Abial) m. Rebecca Goodenow of Paxton, in 1777, and had *Mary*, *Abel* and *Daniel*, who was b. Feb. 7, 1782; all bap. here, Dec. 12, 1783.

He removed, it is said, to the Western part of N. Y.

PRATT, HENRY whose wife was Ann, had *Mary*, bap. here, Oct. 21, 1742.

POTTER, JOHN m. Martha Jewett, in Sudbury, March 4, 1719, and were both then called of that town. When they came here, is unknown, probably late in life; there is no record here of birth, baptism or death of their chil. He was living in the S. part of the town, in 1760; his wife, Martha, d. here, June 2, 1761, aged 71. He was ad. to this chh. in 1763, and d. March 22, 1771, aged 87 and 7 mos.

Daniel Potter, who, in 1745, then called of Brookfield, m. Abigail, D. of Gershom Wheelock of this town, may have been his son.

PATTEN, JOHN and his wife, Elizabeth, were ad. to this chh. from that in Billerica, in 1754, and had *Hannah*, b. here, Sept. 2, 1753.

PEARSON, JOHN, whose wife was Anna, probably lived in the N. P. They had *Sarah*, b. Dec. 2, 1753; *Josiah*, June

24, 1756; *Joseph*, June 8, 1759; *Anna*, June 30, 1762; *Lucinda* and *Dorinda*, Jan. 22, 1765; *Frances*, July 22, 1767.

Jane Pearson, pub. to Silas Whitney of No town, near Lancaster, March, 1758.

Phebe Pearson m. Amos Spring, Oct. 11, 1759.

PRESCOTT, EBENEZER, whose wife was Jerusha, had *Patience*, b. Nov. 6, 1750, d. infant; *Joseph*, March 6, 1753.

PERRY, DANIEL, whose wife was Mary, had *Joseph*, b. Feb. 11, 1766.

PARKER, JOHN m. Experience Cloyes of Framingham, Feb. 18, 1731. They were ad. to this chh. in 1732. Chil. *John*, b. Jan. 28, 1732; *Experience*, Oct. 8, 1733; *Ananias*, bap. Sept. 21, 1735; *Abigail*, b. Dec. 1, 1736. The parents were dis. to the chh. in Framingham, in 1738.

PARKER, THOMAS and Bathsheba Smith, both of Sudbury, were m. there, Feb. 20, 1738, and ad. to this chh. in 1741. Chil. *Kezia*, b. Dec. 9, 1738, and d. infant; *Elizabeth*, Dec. 24, 1739; *Kezia*, Sept. 16, 1741. "The parents were dis. to the chh. in Grafton, in 1742, where they now dwell."—*Chh. record of that date.*

PARKER, WILLIAM and Mary, D. of Simon Maynard, were m. Oct. 23, 1739. She was ad. to this chh. in 1742. Chil. *William*, b. March 18, 1740; *Joab*, April 20, 1741; *Nathaniel*, bap. March 20, 1743.

PARKER, WILLIAM (s. of William) m. Tabitha Sawyer, Dec. 17, 1761, and d. Aug. 5, 1770, aged 30 and 5 mos. Chil. *Parnal*, (a D.) July 4, 1763; *Eunice*, Dec. 8, 1764, and d. Aug. 11, 1770; *Joab*, Aug. 29, 1767, and d. Aug. 11, 1770; *Joseph Sawyer*, Feb. 21, 1770, and d. April 14, 1771.

PARKER, STEPHEN (said to have come from Roxbury, and called *Jun.*, on the records, here, whose wife was Abigail) was ad. to this chh. in 1741, and his wife in 1740. He lived on the place, now of Adam Harrington, Esq. Chil. *Stephen*, b. March 8, 1738; *Abigail*, April 20, 1740, and m. Jonas Newton of Worcester, May 19, 1759; *Nehemiah*, bap. March 14, 1742; *Caleb*, April 1, 1744, went into the service when very young, and was killed in the French war; *Mary*, Aug. 6, 1746; *Ruth*, Aug. 15, 1748, and m. Samuel Britton, Jun. of Southboro', in 1768; *Elizabeth*, May 13, 1751, and d. infant; *Elizabeth*, June 27, 1754, and m. Moses Dodge, of Brookfield, in 1773; *Phebe*, June 4, 1755, and m. Ithamar Ward, in 1778; *Catharine*, Feb. 10, 1758, and m. David Peirks, in 1778; *Caleb*, July 14, 1760; *Dolly*, Aug. 22, 1762, and m. Nathan Pratt, in 1780.

There is no record here of the death of Stephen Parker, or of his wife, Abigail.

PARKER, STEPHEN, Jun. (s. of the preceding) m. Mary, D. of Jonathan Morse, Dec. 17, 1760. Chil. *Jonathan*, b. Nov. 28, 1761; *Almorin*, Dec. 16, 1764.

He removed with his family to N. H., and d. at Walpole.

PARKER, NEHEMIAH (s. of Stephen) grad. H. U., in 1763, m. Mary Richardson of Bolton, in 1765, was ord. to the ministry in Hubbardston, (being the first minister settled there) June 13, 1770; dis. June 16, 1800, and d. April 20, 1801, aged 59.

PARKER, CALEB (s. of Stephen) b. in 1760, m. Thankful, D. of Elnathan Pratt, Aug. 14, 1781, and had *Mary*, who was bap. May 4, 1783; and *Lydia*, bap. on the 26th of Oct. next, following.

He removed to Stukely, Lower Canada, and d. there. His wid. Thankful, was recently living there, at the age of 83 years.

PARKER, SIMON * (from Groton) m. Mary, D. of Asa Bouker, July 14, 1742. He was ad. to this chh. in 1778; and d. Oct. 26, 1794, aged 75; and she, in 1772, and d. Aug. 21, 1800, aged 78. Chil. *Solomon*, bap. March 6, 1743; a D., (name illegible on the record, perhaps Martha) bap. Feb. 3, 1745; the age of his D. *Martha*, who d. unm. Jan. 17, 1820, was 72, as appears of record; if she was the one bap. in 1745, her age was 75 or more, in 1820; *Lucy*, bap. March 22, 1747; she is the last of his chil. whose baptism I can find on record, and *Ithamar*, b. Aug. 20, 1760, is the first whose birth is recorded; *Asa*; *Mary*, b. May 19, 1763, and m. Nathan Howe, in 1783; *Samuel*, Dec. 9, 1766.

PARKER, SOLOMON (s. of Simon) whose wife was Hannah, had *Simon*, bap. here, March 25, 1770. "These persons are settled on Kennebec River."—*Chh. Records.*

PARKER, ASA (s. of Simon) m. Lydia, D. of Deac. Jonas Stone, June 11, 1783. She was ad. to this chh. in 1783; and he, in 1806. Chil. *Sarah*, b. May 4, 1784, and d. unm. March 27, 1803; *Lydia*, March 16, 1786, and m. Ephraim Sherman, of Westboro', in 1812; *Lucy*, June 24, 1788, and m. William T. Alexander, in 1822; *Luke*, Aug. 3, 1790, and pub. to Tamar Hastings of Boylston, July 21, 1811; *Jonas*, Oct. 24, 1792, and went to Virginia; *Simon*, March 11, 1795, and d. May 12, 1819; *Phebe*, May 30, 1797, and deceased; *Maria*, April 5, 1800, and m. Nathaniel C. Warren of Springfield, Dec. 6, 1825; *Asa*, Oct. 13, 1802; *Samuel Stillman*, April 20, 1807; *Ebenezer Reed*, Oct. 2, 1810. The parents removed to Paxton, about 1829.

PARKER, ITHAMAR, (s. of Simon) m. Hannah, D. of John Rice, Feb. 4, 1790, and d. Dec. 27, 1799, aged 39½; his

* Capt. James Parker, one of the early settlers of Groton, and nearly forty years a leading man in that town, and whose wife was Mary, had Samuel, b. there, Sept. 22, 1682, who m. Deborah, D. of Jonas Prescott, the ancestor of distinguished men of that name, in that vicinity, and had Simon above mentioned, who was b. April 30, 1719.

wid., Hannah, was ad. to this chh. in 1801, and d. July 3, 1845, aged 80. Chil. *Seth*, b. May 23, 1793; *Rebecca*, July 5, 1797, and m. Solomon Bigelow of Boylston, Nov. 24, 1818.

PARKER, SETH (s. of Ithamar) m. Mary Bolles, Jan. 19, 1817, and d. Oct. 8, 1828, in his 36th year. Chil. *Lovisa*, b. May 27, 1818; *Emeline*, Nov. 20, 1820; *Charles Hiram*, Dec. 29, 1824.

PARKER, AMOS and his wife, Anna Stone, were ad. to this chh. from that in Lexington, in 1753. He d. here, Dec. 23, 1790, aged 68, and his wid. Anna, Nov. 18, 1799, aged 72. Chil. *Amos*, who settled in Hubbardston; *Isaac*, b. July 15, 1750; *Hollis*, Oct. 2, 1752; *Elisha*, Dec. 31, 1754, went to Templeton, or vicinity, m. a D., it is said, of 'Squire Baker, who went from Westboro', and d. there; *Ephraim*, Oct. 4, 1757, went to Royalston, m. and d. there; *Anna*, who m. Deac. Jonas Stone, in 1783, and Deac. Ebenezer Reed of Worcester, in 1810; *Nahum*, March 4, 1760; *Frederick*, May 4, 1762; *Elizabeth*, May 18, 1764, and d. infant; *Elizabeth*, March 28, 1769, and m. Amos Whitney of Worcester, in 1800.

We may suppose the parents were settled here as early as 1750; their s. Isaac, was bap. here, the 22d of July in that year.

PARKER, ISAAC (s. of Amos) m. Margery Maynard, D. sup. of Ebenezer and Amee of Westboro', in 1770, and settled there, where he d. Jan. 26, 1798, aged 47½, and his wid. Margery, April 30, 1801, aged 51, 4 mos. Chil. *Joel*, b. Sept. 16, 1770; *Gardner*, March 14, 1772; *Otis*, April 1, 1774, and m. Mary, D. of Daniel Nurse of Westboro', Dec. 15, 1796, and settled in Lancaster; *Jabez Maynard*, Aug. 9, 1776; *Lucy*, Aug. 27, 1778, and d. Oct. 5, 1794; *Anna*, May 25, 1781, and d. in 1795; *Sophia*, Dec. 30, 1782; *David*, May 1, 1785; *Lewis*, March 1, 1787.

PARKER, HOLLIS (s. of Amos) m. Lovisa Bragg of Royalston, and lived there, or in that vicinity, several years, and

returned here about 1790, with a family of chil. and settled on the homestead. He d. here, Oct. 26, 1824, aged 72, and his wid. Lovisa, Jan. 26, 1831, aged 81. Chil. *Amos*, who m. and settled in Bolton; physician there, and probably the oldest postmaster in the Commonwealth; *Mary Jennison*, who m. Josiah Harrington, in 1803, and Asahel Allen, in 1805; *Silence*, who m. James Hall, in 1811; *Silas*, who d. unm. Jan. 19, 1835, aged 46; *Hollis*, b. (the first on record here) March 23, 1793; *Henry*, May 10, 1795.

PARKER, HOLLIS (s. of Hollis) m. Pamelia Ann, D. of Levi Pease, Jun., Nov. 13, 1817, and had chil. b. here, of whom there is no public record. They removed from town.

PARKER, HENRY (s. of Hollis) m. Sarah Fuller of Phillipston, July 25, 1815; she d. here May 4, 1819, aged 23.

PARKER, NAHUM (s. of Amos) whose wife was Mary, had *Hannah*, b. here, Dec. 26, 1784. The parents were ad. to this chh. in 1785, and dis. to that in Fitzwilliam, N. H., in 1786, where they had *Ephraim*, who settled in Athol, and *Amos A.*, who was some years Register of Probate in the County of Merrimac, in that State. The father was many years Judge of the Court of C. Pleas, in N. H.

PARKER, FREDERICK (s. of Amos) grad. H. U., 1784, settled in the ministry in Canterbury, N. H., and d. in the pulpit, in 1802.

PARKER, GEORGE, a foreigner and deserter, in the early part of the revolution, from the British service, came here before 1794, and m. Abigail Taylor, a wid., and D. of Moses Sever, Sept. 14th of that year. He was then advanced in life, and left town soon after the year 1800.

Ruth Parker was pub. to Amos Shumway of Oxford, March 20, 1745.

John Parker, called of this town, m. Olive, D. of Jonas Temple, May 4, 1780.

PALMER, DAVID, whose wife was Eunice, had *Catharine*, b. here, Nov. 4, 1762.

PARTRIDGE, STEPHEN, whose wife was Esther, had *Lewis*, b. here, Aug. 29, 1776.

PEIRKS, JOHN and Hannah Hammond, were m. in Waltham, and both called of that town, Nov. 28, 1748, and soon after removed to this town ; he was probably a native of Newton. In the marriage record his name is written *Parks ;* the family here have always written it *Peirks*, and the town and chh. records have the same spelling ; Park is the original name. They were ad. to this chh. in 1794. He d. here, June 8, 1804, aged 84, and his wid. Hannah, March 26, 1809. Chil. *Abigail*, b. June 1, 1749, and d. unm. July 4, 1828, aged 79 ; *Hannah*, Nov. 22, 1750, and m. Nathan Waite of Leicester, (his 2d wife) May 20, 1773, and d. there, his wid., in April, 1847, aged 96½ ; *Jonathan* and *David*, April 12, 1753 ; the latter m. Catharine, D. of Stephen Parker, April 27, 1778, and removed from town ; *Nahum*, bap. June 13, 1756 ; *John*, bap. July, 1759 ; *Samuel*, bap. Aug. 20, 1761, and m. Annis Muzzy, Oct. 14, 1793 ; *Mary*, bap. July 19, 1767, and m. Nathan Muzzy, in 1790.

PEIRKS, JONATHAN (s. of John) m. Rhoda, D. of Elnathan Allen, Dec. 7, 1780, and next Sarah, D. of Moses Livermore of Spencer, April 28, 1787, and d. in North Brookfield, March, 1847, aged 94.

PEIRKS, JOHN, Jun. (s. of John) m. Mary Joslin, called of this town, but sup. from Westboro', Nov. 25, 1788. They were ad. to the chh. here in 1791. She d. Nov. 3, 1831, aged 61 ; he survives, and lives on the homestead. Chil. *Joseph Joslin*, b. Aug. 22, 1790, m. Relief, D. of Peter Cary, June 13, 1813, and removed to Savannah ; they both d. there ; *John Sea-*

ger, April 13, 1793, m. Charlotte, D. of Samuel Smith, in 1814, and settled in Providence, R. I.; *Jesse*, Jan. 7, 1795, m. Julia, D. of William Knowlton, March 30, 1821, and settled in Providence; *Hannah*, April 4, 1798, and d. unm. Feb. 11, 1834; *Catharine Henshaw*, March 4, 1801; *Eunice Eddy*, March 20, 1804; *George Sumner*, bap. May 8, 1807, and m. Caroline Cotting of East Sudbury, in 1830; *Charles Freeman*, bap. May 12, 1811, and went to Wisconsin.

PIKE, JACOB (sup. from Marlboro') m. Bulah Parmenter of Sudbury, in 1770. Chil. *Saloma*, b. April 5, 1772; *Levi*, March 20, 1774; and *Jotham*, Oct. 20, 1776.

Ebenezer Pike m. Lydia Glazier, a wid. of Lancaster, March 21, 1758.

Nathan Pike, m. Abigail, D. of Samuel Holland, May 10, 1769. The Pikes lived in the N. P.

PEIRCE, JONATHAN m. Jemima, D. of Joseph Miles, May 3, 1768, and had *Oliver Miles*, b. Oct. 17, 1769.

PEIRCE, OLIVER, whose wife was Abigail, had *Dolly*, b. Jan. 12, 1777; *James*, Feb. 24, 1779; and *Abigail*, Feb. —, 1781.

PEIRCE, ISAAC (from Sutton,) m. Esther, D. of Ebenezer Garfield, June 17, 1779, and had *Esther*, b. May 23, 1780, and d. unm. Sept. 14, 1813; *Isaac*, Dec. 28, 1781, and d. at sea, July 8, 1805.

PIERCE, JOSIAH m. Lucretia, D. of Charles Bigelow, March 3, 1780, and had *Lucretia*, b. Feb. 10, 1781.

PIERCE, JOSEPH m. Eleanor, D. of William Crawford, Oct. 10, 1782, and had *Martha*, b. April 3, 1783.

PEASE,* Capt. LEVI, with his wife, Hannah, came here from Somers, Ct., with a family of adult chil. about 1794. He purchased the farm and tavern stand, previously belonging to Maj. John Farrar, and was for many years, as he had been before he removed here, actively engaged in running stages, establishing and extending stage routes, and making improvements in vehicles for the accommodation and comfort of the traveller. His wife, Hannah, was ad. to the chh. here, from that in Somers, in 1795; he was ad. in 1816, and, having out-lived all his children, d. Jan. 28, 1824, aged 84, and his wid. Hannah, June 14, 1832, aged 93. Chil. *Hannah*, who m. Thomas Henry Kemble of Boston, in 1796; *Levi; Lemuel*, who d. here unm. Sept. 3, 1816, aged 45; *Lorey; Mary*, who m. Perry Chapin of Worcester, in 1807, and d. there, but was buried here the same day, and in the same grave with her brother Lemuel.

* Some of the incidents of his life, as related by him, are interesting, and, as historical facts, some record of them should be preserved.

He served his time to the blacksmith trade, and at the commencement of the revolutionary war, lived in Blanford, Mass. A report reached there and was publicly proclaimed in the meeting house on the Sabbath, during afternoon service, that the British troops had marched out of Boston, and were firing upon the inhabitants and destroying their property. The meeting instantly broke up—the people gathered in a mass upon the common—a company had been previously enrolled, and chosen their officers—their Captain was present, and directed his men, of whom Pease was one, to go to their homes, equip themselves and return there immediately. Every man of the company returned accoutred for the fight, and answered to his name at roll-call; and before night, the company was on its march towards Boston. When they reached Springfield, they learned the report was unfounded. A like report went to other towns, and produced similar results. It was thought by some to have been started with a view to test the spirit of the people, and ascertain how far they were awake to the dangers that surrounded them. This was Pease's introduction to the public service, in which he continued to the end of the war.

He was favorably known to Wadsworth of Hartford, who, as Commisary General, employed Pease to purchase beeves and horses for the use of the army—he was for some time engaged in riding post, and, where he could not ride, travelling on foot and boating the lakes, as the bearer of despatches to and from Gen. Thomas, then on the Northern frontier; and was with him, when he died there of small pox.

To avoid capture, and the loss of his papers by the tories, he traversed the lakes in a small boat and alone, rather than trust himself and them on the routes usually travelled by land, lying in some sequestered inlet by day, and paddling his way by

night, wide from the shore, and in moon light nights lying nearly flat on his back, to avoid being discovered, and using his hands, as paddles, in working his boat. He was eminently successful.

Wadsworth many times gave him large packages of Continental money, wherewith to make purchases, informing him of the amount, but which Pease never counted, or receipted for; such was Wadsworth's confidence in him, and it was not misplaced or abused.

On the arrival of the French fleet and army at Newport, he was directed to purchase horses to drag their artillery to Yorktown, and was furnished by Wadsworth with as much Continental money as could be crowded into a large pair of panyard saddle bags. Pease had, on previous occasions, and at other times, paid out his saddle bags full of that paper, and much of it after it had greatly depreciated; the horses must be had, and that, *immediately*. Pease knew where he could procure them, but not with Continental money; he told Wadsworth so, and that many people would not take it at all, but if he would let him have some hard money to go with it, perhaps he might work it off. Wadsworth furnished him with a small sum in hard money, and he started for the Northerly part of Worcester County, where was a farmer, who had several young and serviceable horses, and four fat oxen; all of which were for sale. Pease proposed to buy his horses and pay him in paper money; he did not like that kind of money, nor would he sell his horses, unless Pease would buy his oxen; they should go together. It was to no purpose that Pease assured him, he had no authority to purchase cattle; he then offered to give him his price for the horses, and pay him one half in hard money; but no, the oxen should go with the horses. At length he told Pease, if he would take the oxen with the horses, he would take all his pay in paper money. Pease took them and paid him—both were needed at Newport, but for quite different purposes. The farmer saw Pease after the war was over, and told him, the next time he sold him horses, he would take hard money in part pay, and *keep his oxen;* at the same time showing Pease the Continental money he paid him, all of which he then had on hand, and was worthless.

Pease foraged for the French army in its march to Yorktown. When they arrived in Virginia, corn was in the milk, and he purchased fields of it by the acre, at the road side, for fodder, at the price of ten bushels of meachantable corn per acre. There was plenty of flour, but not bread enough at hand.

Some Frenchmen, by order of their officers, took hogs troughs by the way side, (he did not say whether they washed them) filled them with flour, and having wet it, stript off shoes and stockings, kneaded it with their bare feet, and soon found ways to bake it.

After the war, he run a stage from Hartford to Boston, and back, the first that was run in New England. His means were few, and small; he applied to Ballard, then the only man in Boston, who kept a hack for public accommodation, to form company with him in running the stage. Ballard declined, saying, it was a visionary scheme; that the time *might* come, when the public would support a stage from Hartford to Boston, and adding, *but not in your day or mine.* His friends tried to dissuade him from the undertaking, but failing, they next besought him not to run it, except when he had passengers, and this, because he had run it several trips without having so many as one to ride with him. To this he replied, passengers would come, when they found the stage could be relied upon. He persevered, drove his own stage, and the result in a short time proved, that he judged correctly. He procured the first charter for a turnpike road, that was granted in Massachusetts. The road through Palmer and Wilbraham to Springfield, before almost

impassable with wheels, was greatly improved; he took a large portion of the stock, expended much time and money upon the road for many years, and at last, by a depreciation of the stock, lost all he put into that concern. At length he succeeded in making a contract to carry the mail in his stage, but not until the Department had had ample evidence of his enterprize and punctuality. For a long period he was the only contractor in New England, known to the Department for carrying the mail through its various thoroughfares by stage and on horseback; much of which he underlet to others, the responsibility of the whole resting upon him.

Col. Sikes of Ct., afterwards of Worcester, was his boyhood acquaintance and early friend. Their attachment for each other was strong and brotherly, death alone dissolved it. Sikes had learned the blacksmith trade, and just set up for himself, when Pease, having failed in other applications, requested Sikes to join him in running a stage. He readily complied; their views were harmonious, and their opinions concurrent; each kept a shop and shod his own horses, and, so far as blacksmithing was concerned, each could and did repair the stages at their separate stations. This change of business by the son, gave much uneasiness to the father of young Sikes; and what he could, that he did to withdraw him from his new calling He was angry with Pease for having, as he said, enticed his son, who was some years the junior of Pease, from a good trade into a wild and ruinous scheme, that would make them both, in a short time, tenants of the jail. His fears were groundless; they acquired a handsome property.

Capt. Pease had many dependents, and although he died poor, he left a good name, numerous friends, and ever will live in stage history, as the *father of the stages.*

PEASE, LEVI, Jun. (s. of Capt. Levi) m. Mary Gill, and settled in Northboro', where he d. June 20, 1808, aged 40. Chil. *Hannah; Mary*, who m. —— Barns, and went to Southbridge; *Pamelia Ann*, who m. Hollis Parker, Jun., in 1817; *Susan*, who m. in Southbridge; *Thomas; Levi; Rebecca; Jeremiah*, who m. Olive, D. of William Smith, and g. D. of Daniel Johnson, in 1830.

PEASE, LOREY, perhaps *Loring*, (s. of Capt. Levi) m. Rebecca Bruce of Northboro', March 18, 1798, and d. here, in 1811, aged 37. Chil. (no births on record) *Rebecca Bruce*, who m. John Downs, April 17, 1825, and d. in 1833, aged 34; *Hannah*, who m. Dennis O'Brien of Boston; *Mary; Sarah Eddy*, who d. unm. July 26, 1841, aged 36; *Eliza Scudder;* and *Harriet*, who m. George L. Brown, the artist.

PHILLIPS, JOHN, whose wife was Hannah, had *Joanna*, b. Aug. 24, 1755; *Martha*, Aug. 20, 1757; and *Elizabeth*, June 15, 1764.

PHILLIPS, EZRA (from Grafton) m. Anna, D. of Silas Wheelock, Sept. 27, 1809. Chil. *Anna*, b. Jan. 10, 1810, and m. Ira Shepard of Worcester; *Sarah Hemenway*, March 3, 1812, and m. in Ohio; *Mercy*, Sept. 23, 1814, and m. James S. Flanagan; *Hannah*, Jan. 25, 1817, and m. Obed Chickering; *Ezra*, Dec. 22, 1818, and m. Maria Warren; *Silas*, Feb. 28, 1821; *Tyler*, Oct. 12, 1823; *Henry*, Aug. 30, 1827; *Harriet*, Oct. 24, 1830.

PLYMPTON, JONATHAN, whose wife was Cloe, came here from Medfield, purchased and settled on the place, now of John B. Cummings. He lived in town but a few years, and removed to Holden or vicinity. Chil. *Jonathan*, and perhaps others, who came here with their parents; *Simon*, the only one on record here, b. Sept. 6, 1792.

PLYMPTON, ELZAPHAN of Medfield, m. Sarah Hunt of Sherburne, and settled here on the place, where his son, Jonathan, now lives, and d. Sept. 17, 1817, aged 53; and his wid. Sarah, Feb. 23, 1841, aged 76. Chil. *Sarah*, who. m. Thomas Brewer, Jun. of Boylston, in 1812; *Mary*, who m. her cousin, Joseph Plympton, in 1807; *Abigail*, b. July 15, 1793, and m. Russel Garfield, in 1814; *Olive*, March 22, 1796, and m. Elijah Ball, Dec. 1, 1818; *Lyman*, March 8, 1798; *Nancy*, July 10, 1800, and m. Elijah Ball, his 2d wife, in 1824; *Jonathan*, April 28, 1803; *Alexander Hamilton*, July 28, 1804, and m. Harriet Foote of Sutton; *John Baxter*, July 6, 1808.

PLYMPTON, LYMAN (s. of the preceding) m. Elizabeth Gale of Boylston, in 1819, and d. June 25, 1825, aged 27. Chil. *Leander* and *Lorenzo*, b. April 20, 1820. His wid. Elizabeth, m. Elijah Ball, his 3d wife, in 1836.

PLYMPTON, JONATHAN (bro. of the preceding) m. Maria, D. of Joshua Cornish of Boston, Dec. 27, 1825. Chil. *George Lyman*, b. Nov. 1, 1827; and *John Hamilton*, Feb. 27, 1829.

PLYMPTON, JOHN B. (bro. of the above) m. Hannah Elmira, D. of Capt. Noah Allen, Sept. 4, 1832. Chil. *Lucy Ann*, b. May 8, 1834; *Albert Horatio*, Dec. 27, 1836; *Noah Allen*, Sept. 11, 1841.

PLYMPTON, JOSEPH from Medfield, m. Mary, D. of Elzaphan Plympton, Aug. 9, 1807. Child, *Elias Mann*, b. Sept. 10, 1807. Removed to Boylston.

PHELPS, Capt. AZOR, with a 2d wife, came here from Sutton, previous to 1820, and d. here, April 2, 1837, aged 75. His D., *Nancy*, m. William Leggate of Worcester, Aug. 31, 1828.

PHELPS, Dr. AZOR R. (s. of the preceding) m. Ann Janette, D. of Jason Ware, in 1833, and d. Oct. 14, 1843, aged 45. Chil. *Virginia Isabella*, b. May 15, 1835; *Sarah Janette*, July 8, 1836; *Robert Archer*, Feb. 19, 1838; *Harriet Jemima*, Dec. 4, 1841; *Martha Maria*, July 13, 1843. The four last named d. in infancy.

PRENTICE, TARTIUS and his wife from Grafton, lived here a few years on the place, now of Schuyler Harrington, and then removed to Northboro'. Chil. who came here with their parents, *Elizabeth*, who d. here, Jan. 19, 1824, aged 23; *John;* and *Edwin.*

PRENTISS, (so written on the record) JOHN, s. of Tartius, m. Eliza Rice of Worcester, and had *Levi Rice*, b. Dec. 8, 1833; *John Frederick*, Aug. 20, 1835; *Mary Eliza*, Jan. 9, 1839,; and *George Russell*, Dec. 29, 1842.

PRENTISS, EDWIN (bro. of the preceding) whose wife was Eunice W., had *John Edwin*, b. Feb. 17, 1835.

PACKARD, ASA Jun. (s. of Rev. Asa Packard* of Marlboro', afterwards of Lancaster) m. a D. of Jason Blake, about 1820, lived in town two or three years, and removed to Marlboro'; he had chil. b. here, but there is no record of them.

RAND,† DANIEL m. Mary, D. of Maj. John Keyes in Marlboro', Jan. 18, 1720. They were then both called of Shrewsbury. He was one of the founders of this chh. to which his wife, Mary, was ad. in 1727. House lot, No. 11, was granted to him in 1718, on which he was residing in 1729. His wife, Mary, d. March 5, 1757; her age (not recorded,) was 57, having been b. in 1700. Chil. *Mary*, b. Oct. 12, 1721, and d. infant; *Solomon*, March 13, 1723, and bap. Dec. 15, of the same year, being the first baptism administered in this chh., after its organization, and the ordination of Mr. Cushing, on the 4th of that month. Probably he was so named, for Solomon, the oldest of his mother's three brothers, who perished in the burning of her father's house, in August of that year; *Mary*, Jan. 25, 1725; *Thankful*, Dec. 6, 1727; *Sarah*, bap. Aug. 23, 1730, and m. Timothy Wheelock, Oct. 22, 1747; *Phebe*, b. Jan. 1, 1733,

*This name, in old records, is written Packer, Packerd, and Peckard, but, by the family *Packard*.

The Rev. Asa, according to Mitchell's His. of Bridgewater, was the fourth s. of Jacob Packard and Dorothy Perkins of Bridgewater, who were m. in 1712; Jacob was the s. of Solomon Packard, who m. Sarah Lothrop, in 1715; Solomon was the s. of Zacheus Packard and Sarah Howard; and Zacheus, the s. of Samuel, who came from England in the ship Diligent of Ipswich, John Martin, master, and settled in Hingham, in 1633; thence to Bridgewater, where he d. in 1684.

† *Ran.* So written in former times in numerous records; and likewise so written in the town and chh. records of Shrewsbury, for many years. Families of this name were early settlers in New England.

Thomas Ran m. Sarah Idends in Charlestown, in 1656, and had sons, Thomas, John, who d. in 1659, and Robert. Nathaniel Ran m. Mary Carter in Charlestown, in 1664, and had Nathaniel, Edmund, and others, b. there. Alice Ran d. there, in 1691, aged 98. Henry Ran m. Mary Crane in Stow, Sept. 19, 1682, and had chil. b. there. Whether he was from Charlestown, or whether *Daniel* was *his* s. is uncertain.

and m. Samuel Bigelow, Jun., in 1755; *Rezina*, bap. Aug. 10, 1735, and m. Joel Whittemore, April 28, 1761; *Daniel*, b. Nov. 10, 1738, and d. in 1742; *Levinah*, bap. Oct. 11, 1741, and d. in 1742; *Levinah*, b. July 14, 1743, and m John Keyes Witherby, May 3, 1768.

The second wife of Daniel Rand was Martha Bruce, whom he m. Nov. 1, 1760, according to the record, probably erroneous; 1760 should be 1759, as their s. Daniel was b. July 12, 1760, and bap. July 20, 1760. There is no record here of the death of Daniel Rand, or of his wife, Martha. He is sup. to have removed, but when, unknown, and lived with the parents of his first wife, to aid and assist them in their declining years. He, and his second wife, Martha, were m. by Major Keyes, who had then passed his 85th year. The place once of Maj. Keyes, was, subsequently to his death, and that of his wife, known as the "Rand farm;" Col. Joseph Henshaw purchased it of Rand, or his heirs, when, or soon after, he removed to this town.

RAND, SOLOMON (s. of Daniel) m. Deborah, D. of Jabez Dodge, Sept. 15, 1741, and lived on the homestead. She was ad. to this chh. in 1742, and d. July 1810, aged 84; and he, in 1801, aged 78; neither his nor her death is to be found on the town record. Chil. *Daniel*, b. Oct. 15, 1742; *Anna*, Oct. 2, 1744, and m. Col. Jonathan Wheeler of Grafton, father of the late Jonathan Wheeler, Esq., of that town, in 1765; *Ezekiel*, March 24, 1747, and sup. settled in Vt.; *Solomon*, March 5, 1750, and m. Sarah Adams of Grafton, June 2, 1771, and probably settled there; *Warcham*, Feb. 3, 1752; *Jasper*, July 2, 1754, and d. in 1756; *Deborah*, Dec. 9, 1756, and m. Daniel Baker, in 1774; *Jasper*, March 10, 1760; (all these children were older than their *uncle*, Daniel Rand, their father's brother;) *Artemas*, July 5, 1763, and is said to have d. in the service of the U. S.

RAND, DANIEL (s. of Daniel) whose wife was Abigail, had *John*, b. April 2, 1782, and *Levinah*, Feb. 13, 1784. He removed from town, perhaps to Worcester.

RAND, DANIEL (s. of Solomon) m. Susanna, D. of Daniel Hemenway, in 1767, and removed to Ringe, N. H., of which town he was an early settler, rose to the rank of Col., and d. there, in 1811, aged 69, and his wid. Susanna, Oct. 4, 1817, aged 71. His mother, Deborah, was the *sister*, and not the D. of the Rev. Ezekiel Dodge of Abington, Mass., as some have supposed. *

RAND, JASPER (s. of Solomon) m. Rachel, D. of Joseph Knowlton, April 30, 1783, and lived on the homestead. They were ad. to this chh. in 1784. She d. March 7, 1802, aged 37. Chil. *Anna*, b. Feb. 14, 1784, and m. Squire Convers of Bridport, Vt., Feb. 20, 1810; *Hitty*, (Mehitable) Jan. 28, 1787, and m. Luke Knowlton, Sept. 23, 1804; *Candace*, Aug. 5, 1788, and m. Jonathan Rice of Oxford, April 26, 1815; *Elizabeth*, Oct. 21, 1789, and m. Abisha Learned of Oxford, Feb. 27, 1816; *Mary*, June 24, 1791, and d. infant; *Mary*, Oct. 18, 1794; *Wareham Dodge*, June 22, 1796, and m. Hannah, D. of Timothy Underwood of Northboro'; she d. Aug. 22, 1836, aged 37; and in 1839, he removed to Galena, Illinois; *Jasper Raymond*, June 6, 1801, and settled in Westfield.

The second wife of Jasper Rand, was Sarah, D. of Jonathan Adams, whom he m. May 15, 1803. She was ad. to this chh. in 1804. He survived her, (there is no record of her death) and

* Daniel and Susanna Rand had nine or more chil. b. in Ringe. *Asa*, their youngest s. is the only one of whom I have any information. He was b. in 1783; grad. D. C., 1806; 13 years the settled minister of Gorham, Me., and in 1822 resigned his charge on account of ill health. In 1812, he m. Grata, D. of Rev. Seth Payson, D.D., of Ringe; she d. in 1818; and, in 1820, he m. Clarissa, D. of Nicholas Thorndike, Esq. of Beverly, and she dying in 1825, he m., in 1826, Mary, wid. of Elisha Coolidge of Boston, and D. of the Rev. John Cushing, D. D. of Ashburnham, (who was the s. of the Rev. Job Cushing of this town,) and was recently preaching to the Presbyterian chh. in Peterboro', Madison Co., N. Y.

Further particulars respecting Asa Rand, may be seen in page 184, No. 2, Vol. 1, of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Rev. William Cogswell, D. D., Editor; published by Samuel G. Drake, Boston; an interesting and valuable publication, issued in quarterly numbers, and receiving, as it should, a liberal, extensive and increasing patronage, and to which I am indebted for most of the facts contained in this note.

d. in April 1838, aged 78. Child, *Artemas Tyler*, b. March 2, 1804, and d. unm., at Worcester, about 1836.

RICE, LUKE (s. of Daniel * of Marlboro') b. in 1689, m. Rachel Stow of and in Marlboro', Dec. 14, 1715. When he removed to this town is not known; his chil. were all b. in Marlboro', and most of them, probably of adult age when they and their parents came here. He settled on the farm where his g. s., the late Col. Asa Rice, lived, and was one of the town assessors in 1742; he had probably been living here some years prior to that period. He d. July 4, 1754, his age (not on record) was about 65. His wid., Rachel, was living in 1760, and, for several years after; her death is not recorded. The births of their chil. as recorded in Marlboro', were, *Azubah*, b. in 1716; *Hezekiah*, Feb. 18, 1718; *Dinah*, in 1719, and m. Abraham Eager, in 1739; *Rachel*, in 1723, and m. Deac. Jonas Stone, in 1747; *Abigail*, in 1725, and m. Deac. Benjamin Maynard, in 1746; *Lydia*, in 1728, and d. here June 10, 1740; *Priscilla*, in 1731, and m. Jotham Howe, in 1753; and *Sarah*, in 1734, and m. Nathaniel Whittemore, in 1753.

RICE, DANIEL (sup. bro. of Luke) m. Elizabeth Taylor in Marlboro', Feb. 12, 1712. His chil. were all b. in Marlboro'; *Hannah*, in 1714; *William*, in 1715; *David*, in 1717; *Stephen*, in 1720; *Bezaleel*, in 1723; *Abner*, in 1726; *Jabez*, in 1728,

* Daniel Rice, whose wife was Bethiah, had Bethiah, b. in 1682; Daniel, in 1684; Luke, in 1689; Priscilla, in 1692; Eleazer, in 1695; Deborah, in 1697, and Hopestill, in 1702, all in Marlboro', where his wife, Bethiah d. Dec. 8, 1721, aged 63, and he, July 14, 1737, aged 82. The parents of Daniel were Edward and Anne Rice. Edward was a Deac. of Marlboro' chh.. and removed there from Sudbury, where Daniel was b. Nov. 8, 1655. His father, Edward, was the s. of Richard Rice, who came from England and settled in Concord, in 1635, and d. in 1709, "accounted," say the records, "more than a 100 years old." He left 8 sons, each of whom, tradition says, lived to be over 90 years of age—four of them probably settled in Sudbury; of whom Edward was one, and d. in Marlboro', Aug. 15, 1712, aged 93.

The late Dr. Stearns of Sudbury, in a written memoranda left by him, says, "*Rice* is a name of Welsh origin, and was anciently written with the prefix, Ap, ApRice, as the late Deac. Rice of this town, informed me." In its transition from ApRice to Rice, it was often called *Price*. Hence *that* name.

and perhaps others. The town records contain no evidence, that he removed to this town; but, it may be supposed he did, inasmuch as the chh. record contains the following: "Elizabeth Rice, wife of Daniel Rice, admitted to full chh. privilege, Nov. 28, 1731." "Hannah Rice, being adult, was bap. at her own request, April 16, 1732; she was the D. of Daniel Rice and Elizbeth, his wife." His sons, William and David, were bap. here, in 1735. It is probable he returned to Marlboro', upon the death of his father, in 1737, and that his brother, Luke, took his place here, and that his wife, Elizabeth, survived him, and was the wid. Elizabeth Rice, who m. Capt. Gershom Wheelock, in 1764; she was then called of Marlboro', but m. here. Her D., Hannah, before mentioned, m. Ephraim Smith, in 1733.

RICE, HEZEKIAH (s. of Luke) m. Mary, D. of William Taylor, Jan. 9, 1740, and d. here, Sept. 13, 1759, aged 41½; his wid. Mary, ad. to this chh. in 1774, and d. April 25, 1796, aged 74. Chil. *Lemuel*, b. May 11, 1740; *Asa*, March 12, 1742; *Luke*, Oct. 23, 1744, settled in Worcester, and d. there; *Jonah*, June 11, 1747, and d. infant; *Lydia*, July 9, 1752, and m. Jonas Stone, in 1772; *Mary*, April 30, 1755, and m. Stephen Earle, in 1780.

RICE, LEMUEL (s. of Hezekiah) m. Abigail Lynde, (called of this town) Sept. 15, 1763, and removed to Worcester; where he was, many years, deputy jailor. His wid., Abigail, m. Daniel Noyes, in 1816.

RICE, Col. ASA (s. of Hezekiah) m. Miriam, D. of Ephraim Wheeler, July 25, 1763, lived on the homestead, and sustained many important trusts. His father d., not having completed the settlement of *his* father's estate; the closing of that, and the settlement and distribution of that of his father, suddenly and early in life, devolved upon him; which, with the care and support of his mother and g. mother, for a long period, in addition to a growing, and soon numerous family of his own, required great exertion and fortitude of mind. His wife, Miriam, d. Jan.

1, 1797, aged 55, and he, Aug. 4, 1823, aged 81½. Chil. *Abigail*, b. March 6, 1764, and m. Thaddeus Baldwin, in 1784; *Hezekiah*, Oct. 10, 1765, and d. July 10, 1787; *Elizabeth*, Aug. 26, 1767, and d. unm. Feb. 9, 1834; *Abner*, June 29, 1769, removed to Canada, and d. there; *Sarah*, April 18, 1771, and m. Job Cushing, Jun., in 1790; *Ashbel*, April 14, 1773, and removed from town; *Asa*, July 24, 1775, and d. in 1777; *Asa*, Oct. 1, 1777; *Dolly*, Sept. 17, 1779, and m. Moses Haven, in 1801, and Daniel Newton, in 1825; *Martha*, Aug. 26, 1781, and m. Simeon Dwight of Belchertown, March 3, 1802; *Mary*, Feb. 23, 1784, and m. Col. Jones of Templeton.

RICE, ASA, Jun. (s. of Col. Asa) m. Mary, D. of Stephen Flagg of Boylston, in 1807. He removed to Oxford with his family about 1829, and d. there in June, 1845, aged 68. Chil. whose births are on record here; *Martha Dwight*, b. Sept. 3, 1807; *Joseph Flint*, Dec. 5, 1808; *James Tilden*, July 22, 1810; *Mary Lorain*, Jan. 26, 1812; *Abner*, Nov. 2, 1813; *George Handell*, Aug. 25, 1815; *Asa Wheeler*, Feb. 17, 1817; *Francis Haydn*, Jan. 22, 1818; *Stephen Flagg*, Sept. 14, 1820; and *Loammi Baldwin*, March 8, 1823.

RICE, ELEAZER was living on house lot, No. 24, in 1829, and No. 31, in 1730. It does not appear of record, that he had any chil., nor is the name of his wife on record here. He was one of the highway surveyors in 1760, and lived in the South part of the town. "Eleazer Rice's saw mill meadow was about being divided," in 1760. Nothing further is known of him; perhaps he lived on the place of the late Elijah Rice.

RICE, SAMUEL, whose wife was Mary, had *Lucretia*, b. here, Oct. 7, 1754; and *Luther*, March 5, 1757.

RICE, LUTHER (s. sup. of Samuel) m. Elizabeth, D. of Josiah Bennet, in 1780; and had *Dorcas*, b. here, Jan. 16, 1781, and removed from town.

RICE, ELIJAH (s. of Charles,* whose wife was Rachel Wheeler) b. in Westboro', in 1719, m. Huldah, D. of Ebenezer Keyes, about 1748, and had *Elijah*, b. Sept. 11, 1749; *Lois*, Sept. 19, 1751, and m. Edward Goodenow of Westminster, Jan. 17, 1770; *Joseph* and *Tryphena*, who d. infants; *Ebenezer*, March 12, 1756, and m. Sarah, D. of Benjamin Taintor, and settled in Hubbardston; *Zeruiah*, Aug 6, 1760, and m. Simon Stickney of Holden, next Thaddeus Colburn, and removed to Athens, Vt.

He removed from the N. P. to Holden, with his family, where he had *Lettis*, (perhaps Letitia) who m. Thomas Davis of Holden; and *Huldah*, who m. Asa Raymond, and settled in Shutesbury. His wife, Huldah, d. in Holden, March, 1799, aged 67; and he, in 1815, aged 96.

RICE, ELIJAH, b. 1749 (s. of Elijah) m. Relief Williams of Lancaster, Jan. 27, 1772, and removed to Holden. They returned here with several of their children, in Jan. 1799, and were both ad. to this chh., from that in Holden, in 1801. He d. Jan. 3, 1827, in his 78th year; his wid. Relief, d. in Newton, in 1834, aged 84. Chil. (all b. in Holden) *Joseph*, who m. Mary Eldridge of Ct., and d. there, leaving a family; *Tryphena*, who m. Rufus Holman of Sterling; *Nahum*, who m. Nancy Young of Duxbury, and d. in N. Y., July 25, 1832;

* Charles Rice was a bro. of Adonijah, b. 1694, and of Ashur, b. 1696, who were taken by the Indians, who suddenly rushed from the woods upon a party of the inhabitants of what is now Westboro', while haying in the meadows, Aug. 8, 1704, and carried into captivity in Canada. They were sons of Thomas (and Anna) Rice, who was the son of Thomas (and Mary) Rice, who was the son of Richard of Concord. At the same time, they killed Nahor, b. 1699, son of Edmund, (whose wife was Ruth Parker of Roxbury,) and carried into captivity Silas, b. 1695, and Timothy, b. 1697, brothers of Nahor. Ashur, after some years, was redeemed by his father, m. in Westboro', settled in Spencer, and d. there, in 1773, aged 78. His brother, Adonijah, and his captive cousins, (their fathers were brothers) remained in Canada, m. Indian wives, and lived and d. *Indians*.

Timothy visited his relations in Westboro', thirty-six years after his captivity, and pointed out the place where he was taken, and related many of the circumstances, that occurred at that time, but could not be persuaded to remain there. He was afterwards a Chief of the Cognawaga tribe.

Lucy, who m. Stephen Woods of Boston, Feb. 19, 1805; *David*, who m. Hannah Bangs of Boston, and resided there, but d. in Baltimore, 1830; *Martin*, who m. Lucy Wheeler of Holden, and removed from Leicester to Canada; *Azubah*, who m. Rufus Pratt of Newton, in 1818, and, in 1845, removed to Fitchburg; *Elijah*; *Alexander*, who m. Sarah, D. of Abijah Drury, in 1811, and, she dying April 2, 1814, aged 21, he next m. Lottee Morse of Sutton; *Olive*, who m. Billings Briggs of Boston; *Abner*, who m. Lucy Wheeler of Kingston, and removed to Thomaston, Me.; *Lois*, residing in Boston, unm., 1847.

RICE, ELIJAH (s. of Elijah and Relief) m. Martha, D. of Luther Goddard, Nov. 26, 1807. Chil. *Luther Goddard*, b. Sept. 18, 1808; *Charles Williams*, March 21, 1810; *Parley*, April 5, 1812; *Emerson Keyes*, April 29, 1813; *Elizabeth Goddard*, May 12, 1815. He removed to Worcester, and had a 2d wife.

RICE, JOHN b. Sept. 22, 1736 (s. of Jacob, b. 1707, and (Hannah) who was s. of Jacob (and Mary) of Marlboro', who was s. of Deac. Edward, s. of Richard of Concord) m. Rebecca, D. of Timothy Fay of Westboro', in 1763, and removed to this town, about 1767 from Northboro'; they were ad. from the chh. there, to this, in 1771. He d. here, July 17, 1800, aged 64; and his wid., Rebecca, April 19, 1811, aged 65. Chil. *Hannah*, b. in Westboro', June 26, 1765, and m. Ithamar Parker, in 1790; *Timothy*, here, March 3, 1768, and d. April 4, 1780; *John*, Oct. 9, 1771; *Lydia*, Jan. 21, 1776, and m. Ebenezer Paine, then called of Sterling, in 1804; *Jacob*, April 21, 1784.

RICE, Capt. JOHN (s. of John) m. Elizabeth, D. of Gershom Wheelock, Nov. 16, 1790. Chil. *Luke Knowlton*, b. March 4, 1791, and m. Thankful, D. of Nathan Pratt, Jan. 6, 1811; *Lucy*, Nov. 21, 1797, and m., so said, Dr. Warren of Wardsboro', Vt.; *Martha*, who m. Calvin Newton, in 1812; *John* and *Henry*, June 26, 1801, both said to have settled in

Wardsboro', and had families there ; *Eliza*, bap. Jan. 6, 1805 ; and *Gershom*, perhaps after his parents removed to Vt., who d. at the South, in 1840.

RICE, Col. JACOB (s. of John) m. Nancy Barber, June 5, 1805, and lived on the homestead. Chil. *Charles*, b. July 2, 1806 ; *Lysander Barber*, April 11, 1808 ; *Jacob*, Aug. 27, 1809, and d. of a wound in the head, May 7, 1818 ; *Rebecca Fay*, June 9, 1811, and m. Caleb Maynard of Northboro', about 1830 ; *Sophia*, Oct. 12, 1816, and m. James Hall, in 1840 ; *Nancy Maria*, April 27, 1823, and m. ——— Lewis of R. I.

Col. Jacob Rice removed to Sudbury about 1828, and d. there, Feb. 25, 1833, aged 49, but buried here ; his wid. Nancy, d. at Northboro', Feb. 16, 1841, aged 57½.

RICE, CHARLES (s. of Col. Jacob) settled in Boston, and m. Martha, D. of Benjamin Potter of Bodoinham, Me., May 22, 1842. Chil. *Charles Carroll*, b. June 25, 1844 ; and *Amelia Clementine*, Feb. 3, 1846.

RICE, JOHN, whose wife was Esther, lived in New Braintree, " whence, (say the records of this town) their chil. came to Shrewsbury to be brought up, viz : *Mehitable*, b. Feb. 20, 1806 ; and *Henry*, Nov. 15, 1811."

RANDALL, JOSHUA m. Martha Wright of Rutland, April 17, 1767. Child, *Greenfield*, bap. April 24, 1768.

RANDALL, JOSIAH, called of Newfane, m. Thankful, D. of Ephraim Holland, in 1774. Chil. *Ruth*, b. Sept. 16, 1775 ; *Benjamin*, Feb. 3, 1778.

RICHARDSON, JONAS whose wife was Mary, had *Azubah*, b. Sept. 5, 1772 ; *Abel*, Feb. 26, 1774 ; *Mary*, July 27, 1775 ; *Elizabeth*, July 12, 1777 ; *Persis*, Oct. 31, 1778 ; and *Catharine*, Feb. 11, 1780.

RICHARDSON, THOMAS m. Relief, D. of Joseph Bigelow, Jun., in 1775, and had *Lucy*, b. Sept. 2, 1779.

RICHARDSON, PETER, m. Mary Rice of Worcester, in 1771, and resided on the Grafton road, where the late Lewis Smith lived. They were ad. to this ch. in 1772, and had *Nathan*, b. here, Sept. 5, 1772, who d. infant; *Arethusa*, Aug. 5, 1773; *Mary*, March 31, 1775; and *Nathan*, March 21, 1777. The parents were dis. to the chh. in Grafton, in 1778.

Samuel Richardson m. wid. Sarah Holland, Feb. 6, 1774.

Ebenezer Richardson m. Sarah Richardson, March 21, 1776.

Sarah Richardson m. Nahum Goddard of Petersham, in 1801.

Mary Richardson m. Arunah Allen, in 1788.

RICHARDSON, JOHN and his wife, Abigail, (sister of Samuel Haven, Esq.) came here from Grafton, about 1793. He d. here, July 21, 1842, aged 76. Chil. *John*, b. at Grafton, March 12, 1791, went to Ohio, and d. there, unm. about 1820; *Appleton*, here, March 2, 1794, and d. unm. Aug. 15, 1818; *Harriet*, Oct. 7, 1796, and m. Aaron Howe, in 1816; *Amelia*, April 15, 1799, and m. Ebenezer H. Bowen of Worcester, his 2d wife, Dec. 15, 1829; *Adeline*, March 10, 1802, and m. Rufus Stow of Grafton; *William Haven*, Oct. 6, 1805, and d. Jan. 19, 1844; *Jane*, Oct. 20, 1808; and *Henry*.

RIDER, GIDEON (of Framingham) m. Anna Rider of Hopkinton, in 1782; when he removed to this town is unknown. His wife, Anna, d. April 2, 1813, aged 49. Chil. perhaps not in this order, (no record of their births here) *Anna*, who m. Jonah Whitney of Westboro', in 1797; *John*; *Hannah*, who m. Prescott Brigham, in 1814; *Susan*, who m. Dennis Sawyer, in 1820; *Asa*, who m. Hepzibah W. Daniels, D. of his father's 2d wife, July 16, 1826; and perhaps others.

His 2d wife was Abigail Daniels, a wid. of Hopkinton, whom he m. May 25, 1817, and d. Oct. 9, 1825, aged 74.

RIDER, SAMUEL (probably a bro. of Gideon) whose wife was Margaret, had *Mary*, bap. here, June 2, 1782; *Gideon*, bap. July 25, 1784; *Achsa*, bap. July 23, 1786; *John*, bap. June 10, 1792.

RIDER, JOHN (s. of Gideon) m. Mercy, D. of David Brigham, April 20, 1806. She was ad. to this chh. in 1817. Chil. *Anna*, b. July 4, 1806; *Martha Brigham*, June 5, 1808; *Mary Ann*, Sept. 27, 1810; *John*, Feb. 28, 1813; *Otis*, Aug. 12, 1815. The parents removed from town before or about 1820. Two of the above named daughters of John Rider m. Rev. Charles Hudson of Westminster, and now a Representative in Congress from this State.

RAWSON,* ELIJAH was living on the place, now of Capt. Silas Allen, about 1794; when he came to town, and where from, is unknown. His chil. were then of adult age, and he removed from here soon after. *David*, *Elijah*, *Elisha*, *James*, *Samuel*, and *Edward*, are said to have been sons of Elijah Rawson; and perhaps, *Anna* Rawson, who m. Dennis Smith, the school master; *Mary* Rawson, who m. Thomas Stone, in 1781; and *Nancy* Rawson, who m. Amasa Freeman of Lancaster, in 1786, were his daughters.

Samuel Rawson m. Lois Thurston, a wid., May 10, 1781.

Elijah Rawson, Jun., m. Elizabeth Brinley of Ward, in 1785.

RAWSON, ABNER (from Grafton) m. Martha, D. of Daniel Johnson, April 3, 1820, and had *Daniel Johnson*, b. here, Nov. 5, 1820.

* He was probably a descendant of Edward Rawson, who came from England, and settled in Newbury, in 1637, and was Secretary of this Colony from 1650 to 1680. His sons settled in Roxbury and Dorchester. Grindall, s. of Edward, and g. s. of the Secretary, was ord. minister of Mendon, in 1680, and d. in 1715, leaving sons—one of whom may have been the more immediate ancestor of Elijah, abovementioned, the name of whose wife is unknown; nor is there any record here of a birth, baptism, or death, in his family.

"Charles Robards (Roberts) of Sutton, and Martha Grout, resident in Shrewsbury, were m. Nov. 27, 1744; and the said Charles called witness before marriage, that he took the said Martha without any estate belonging to her husband, deceased, or expectation of any."—*Marriage record, by Rev. Mr. Cushing.*

STONE,* Lt. ISAAC (of Framingham) m. Elizabeth Brown of Sudbury, July 24, 1722, and was here in 1727. He was a member of the first board of Selectmen chosen in this town, and was ad. to this chh. in 1728; and his wife to the chh. in Framingham, in 1726, and to this, in 1771, without a certificate from the chh. there; that was in consequence of her husband saying she was admitted there in 1726, and the Rev. Mr. Bridge saying in a letter from there, that there were no records belonging to the Framingham chh. so ancient as 1726; and she, having lived with us upwards of 40 years, whose life has been blameless, was ad. a member of this chh. in full communion.—*Chh. records.*

He is sup. to have lived on the place, now of Ephraim A. Hapgood. He d. April 22, 1776, aged 78, 8 mos., and his wid., Elizabeth, in 1794, aged 96. Chil. as on record here, *Eunice*,

* He was a descendant of Gregory Stone, who, with his 2d wife, wid. Lydia Cooper, came from England, and settled in Cambridge previous to 1634; one of the first Deacons there, and d. in 1672, aged 30. His sons were, John, Daniel, David, and Samuel.

John, whose wife was Anna, settled in Sudbury, Deac. there, and had Hannah b. there, in 1640; Daniel, in 1644, and Nathaniel, in 1660.

Daniel, (of Gregory) whose wife was Mary, had Mary, b. in 1644; Sarah, in '45; Daniel, in '46; Elizabeth, in '48; and Abigail, in '52; all in Cambridge.

David, (of Gregory) whose wife was Dorcas, had sons, David, Daniel, John, Samuel, and Nathaniel, born in Cambridge.

Samuel (of Gregory) m. Sarah Sternes, in 1655, and had sons, Samuel, b. in 1656; Isaac and John, b. in Cambridge; the latter, bap. there, in 1663.

Daniel, (of John of Sudbury) m. Mary Ward in Sudbury, 1667, and had Daniel, in 1668; five daughters, and John, in 1684, all in Sudbury.

Nathaniel (of John of Sudbury) m. Sarah Wayt in Malden, in 1684, and had Ebenezer, b. in Sudbury, in 1688.

Samuel, (probably of Samuel and Sarah) settled in Marlboro', his wife was Elizabeth, and had Thankful, b. there, in 1687; and perhaps others, among whom might have been *Isaac*, who settled in Shrewsbury; he was b. about 1698, but his immediate ancestor is unknown.

b. Nov. 21, 1722, and m. Charles Bouker, in 1748; (*Isaac*, I do not find any record of his birth;) *Jonas*, Aug. 12, 1725; *Jasper*, April 30, 1728; *Nathaniel*, April 11, 1732; *Abigail*, Dec. 9, 1735.

STONE, ISAAC, Jun. (s. sup. of Isaac) was m. to Rachel Fiske, in the N. P., by the Rev. Mr. Morse, May 3, 1765. Chil. recorded here, *Esther*, b. May 30, 1766, and m. ——— Wickmer; (perhaps this orthography is not right) she was living, it is said, in 1846, in Boylston. Their D., Laura, m. Jonathan Stratton; *Elizabeth*, Oct. 21, 1767, and was recently living in Boylston, unm.; (*Isaac,*) *Jacob*, Aug. 4, 1770; *Annis*, March 4, 1772, m. ——— Robinson, and d. soon after.

He removed to Lancaster, and d. there, or in Boylston, in 1816, aged 93.

STONE, ISAAC (s. of the preceding) m. Abigail Moor of Berlin, and next, her sister, Sarah Moor, and d. in Northboro', in 1819, aged 58, leaving *Silas* and *Abigail*. Silas m. Sarah W. Smith of Newton, D. of Enoch, in 1841; Abigail m. Abel Fawcett, s. of Jonathan, and g. s. of Deac. Jonathan Fawcett of Boylston. The father of Abel m. Tamar Davenport.

STONE, JACOB (bro. of the preceding) m. Martha Barns of Boylston; and next, her sister, Anna. Their chil. were, *Joseph*, *James*, *Martha*, *Jacob*, *Anna*, *Achsa*, *Oliver*, *Elizabeth*, *Elizabeth*, *Tamar*, and *Maria*. His 3d wife was Isabella, D. of Asa Bennet.

What is contained under the three foregoing family heads, except the marriage of Isaac Stone, Jun., the names of his chil., and when b., and the time of his death, and his age, all of which are matters of record, is from information obtained of Mr. Silas Stone above mentioned, one of the descendants of Isaac Stone, Jr.

STONE, Deac. JONAS (s. of Lt. Isaac) m. Rachel, D. of Luke Rice, Feb. 25, 1747. They were both ad. to this chh. in 1742. He was an ardent friend of his country in her revolu-

tionary struggle; represented the town in General Court, when held at Watertown, May 19, 1775, and rendered long and important services in town and parish affairs. His wife, Rachel, d. April 19, 1787, aged 64. Chil. *Isaac*, b. March 6, 1748; *Lydia*, March 11, 1750, and d. Jan. 1, 1760; *Rachel*, Oct. 24, 1754, and m. Ward Nye of Douglass, in 1784; *Lydia*, March 12, 1761, and m. Asa Parker, in 1783.

Deac. Stone m. Anna, D. of Amos Parker, Feb. 28, 1788, and d. March 22, 1809, aged 83 and 7 mos. His wid. Anna, m. Deac. Ebenezer Reed of Worcester, Jan. 18, 1810.

STONE, Rev. ISAAC (s. of Jonas) grad. H. U. 1770; ord. minister of Douglass, Oct. 31, 1771; m. Susanna, D. of Benjamin Goddard, Oct. 27, 1773; dis. from his pastoral charge Oct. 28, 1805, and d. in 1837, aged 89.

STONE, JASPER (s. of Lt. Isaac) m. Grace, D. of Benjamin Goddard, April 17, 1755. They were ad. to this chh. in 1761; he d. in 1802, aged 75; and his wid. Grace, Oct. 31, 1815, aged 80. Chil. *Benjamin*, b. Aug. 11, 1756; *Asa*, Jan. 23, 1758, and d. while in the continental service, at Fishkill Hospital, Dec. 20, 1777; *Josiah*, Sept. 10, 1759; *Nathan*, May 6, 1761; *Zenas*, May 24, 1763; *Elizabeth*, Dec. 22, 1765, and m. Caleb Haskell of Hampton Falls, N. H., Sept. 26, 1793; *Sarah*, Oct. 16, 1767, and m. Lemuel Ide, Nov. 24, 1793; *Grace*, March 18, 1770, and m. Philip Crosby, in 1804; *Susanna*, June 2, 1772, and d. unm. Nov. 28, 1840; *Eunice*, April 3, 1774, and m. Jonathan Nelson, in 1798; *Isaac*, Oct. 10, 1777; *Hannah*, Feb. 10, 1782.

STONE, NATHANIEL (s. of Lt. Isaac) m. Thankful, D. of Jonathan Morse, Dec. 17, 1760. Child, *Abijah*, b. Oct. 26, 1761. The father is sup. to have removed from town. He next m. Rhoda, wid. of Rev. William Goddard of Westmoreland, N. H., Feb. 11, 1793. They removed to Pittsfield, Vt., where she d. Dec. 7, 1820, aged 80.

STONE, BENJAMIN (s. of Jasper) grad. H. U. 1776, first Preceptor of Leicester Academy, and subsequently Preceptor in Westford Academy, ad. to this chh. in 1779, and m. Deborah Fairbank, a wid. of Northboro', Dec. 3, 1799. He d. here, May 4, 1832, aged 76. Chil. (no births on record here) *Mary E.*, who m. Samuel B. Manning of Worcester, April 11, 1822; and a son, non compos, who d. young.

STONE, JOSIAH (s. of Jasper) m. Bridget, D. of Col. Job Cushing, Nov. 13, 1791, and lived on house lot No. 22, that belonged to her grandfather; where he d. June 1, 1820, aged 61; his wid. Bridget, still survives. Chil. *Mary Prentice*, b. Sept. 1, 1794, and d. unm. Aug. 18, 1839; *Grace Fiske*, Oct. 23, 1796, and d. Feb. 28, 1817; *Job Cushing*, Jan. 18, 1800; *Josiah Goddard*, April 15, 1808, and m. Hannah Harrington, D. of Philo Slocomb.

STONE, ZENAS (s. of Jasper) m. Mary, D. of Dr. Edward Flint, May 26, 1790. They were ad. to this chh. in 1808, and had *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 26, 1791, and sup. m. Josiah Norcross; *Zenas Flint* and *Sarah Flint*, who were bap. here, in 1808. The parents removed from town.

STONE, ISAAC (s. of Jasper) m. Sarah Johnson of Southboro', July 20, 1816; they were ad. to this chh. in 1823. Chil. *Isaac*, b. Jan. 25, 1817, and was drowned in Jordan Pond, Sept. 18, 1846, leaving a young family, aged 29, 8 mos.; *Nathan*, May, 17, 1819, and has a family. These brothers m. sisters.

STONE, JONATHAN (s. of Jonathan, * Jun. of Watertown) and his wife Martha, were from Watertown, and ad. from the chh. there, to this, in 1769; when they removed to this town, is not known. He d. here, Oct. 3, 1805, in his 81st year, and

* He m. Hannah Jennison of Watertown, Feb. 20, 1725, and was the s. of Jonathan, who was b. Dec. 26, 1677, who was the s. of Simon and Mary; Simon was a Deac. in Watertown, and appeared there as early as 1636; was living, and Rep., in 1673 and 9.

his wid. Martha, Oct. 25, 1807, aged 76, 7 mos. Chil. as on record here, *Jonathan*, b. July 5, 1748; *Martha*, Aug. 11, 1750, and m. Thomas Adams of Cambridge, May 28, 1780; *Seth*, Dec. 26, 1752, and settled in Bridport, Vt.; *John*, March 7, 1755, and settled in Charlestown, and d. there; *Thomas*, March 27, 1757; *Lydia*, May 2, 1759, and d. here, unm. Oct. 11, 1821; *Hannah*, April 2, 1761, and m. William Adams of Cambridge, June 26, 1781; *Cherry*, Nov. 19, 1764, and said to have m. in Cambridge; *Daniel*, Jan. 27, 1766; *Jonas*, Oct. 25, 1767; *Dorcas*, May 20, 1770, and m. Joseph Smith of Bolton, Nov. 11, 1785; *Lucy*, Oct. 11, 1772, and m. Nathaniel Green, in 1792.

STONE, JONATHAN, Jun. (s. of Jonathan,) m. Hannah Gates of Worcester, June 7, 1769. Chil. *Sibbill*, bap. March 25, 1770; *Samuel*, bap. June 4, 1775, and m. Kezia Foster of Tewksbury, in 1798.

Jonathan, Jun., the father, went into the Continental service and was killed, during the retreat out of New York, in 1776.

STONE, THOMAS (s. of Jonathan) m. Mary. D. of Elijah Rawson, June 21, 1781. Chil. *Mary*, b. March 9, 1782; *Jonathan*, Jan. 21, 1785. Removed to Deerfield, or vicinity.

STONE, DANIEL (s. of Jonathan) m. Anna Gibson of Hopkinton, June 9, 1790, and d. here, Sept. 27, 1829, aged 63, 8 mos. Chil. *Daniel*, b. May 15, 1791, and d. March 8, 1792; *Daniel*, April 5, 1793, and d. May 24, 1796; *Jonathan*, June 17, 1795; *Anna Bruce*, April 30, 1797, and m. Jonathan H. Drake, in 1824; *John*, May 27, 1799; *Elizabeth*, May 3, 1801; *Jonas*, March 10, 1803; *Lydia*, Dec. 28, 1804; *Thomas*, April 17, 1807; *Independence*, April 6, 1809; *George Zeigler*, May 20, 1811; *Liberty*, May 15, 1813; *Hannah Adams*, March 14, 1816.

STONE, JONATHAN (s. of Daniel) m. Abigail Foster, Dec. 3, 1818. Child, *Mary Elizabeth Forbush*, b. Oct. 9, 1819. Removed to Westboro'.

STONE, JOHN (s. of Daniel) m. Lucinda, sister of Jonathan H. Drake, March 19, 1823; she d. May 17, 1830, aged 27. Chil. *Lucy Ann*, b. July 12, 1823; and *John*, May 8, 1826. His 2d wife was Charity Hastings, a wid., from Boylston, whom he m. in Dec. 1830.

STONE, JONAS, (bro. of Daniel) m. Sarah Toothaker of Tewksbury, in 1792; they were ad. to this chh. in 1793. Chil. *Jonas Adams*, b. Dec. 30, 1792; *Timothy Allen*, Aug. 18, 1794; *Daniel*, March 30, 1797; *Sarah*, Dec. 15, 1799, and m. Jason Bullard, in 1823. The father's death is not on record here; his wid., Sarah, m. Josiah Knight, in 1805.

STONE, JONAS A. (s. of the preceding) m. Susan Fay of Westboro', April 11, 1821, and had *Jonas A.*, b. Aug. 27, 1821.

STONE, ZEDEKIAH, whose wife was Martha, had *David*, b. Aug. 26, 1736, and bap. here, Sept. 19, next following, "by virtue of his being admitted to that privilege in Framingham."—*Church Records.*

A wid. Sarah Stone m. Ebenezer Kent of Leicester, Sept. 19, 1772.

STONE, JOSEPH (s. of Joseph* of Brookfield) m. Lydia, D. of Hezekiah Rice, Nov. 18, 1772; they were ad. to this chh. in 1774. She d. May 10, 1786, aged 34. Chil. *Sarah*, b. Jan. 7, 1774, and m. Lewis Keyes, in 1793; *Luke*, April 25, 1776; *Lewis*, June 16, 1778, went to Fairhaven, Vt., m.

* He was b. in Lexington; m. Sarah Potter of and in Marlboro', Feb. 9, 1744, and settled in Brookfield; probably she was a D. of John Potter, afterwards of this town. See John Potter. Their chil. were, Elizabeth, who m. ——— Wyman of Wells, Vt.; Silas, who m. Mary Welsh of Boston, and settled in Brookfield; Artemas, who m. Theodosia Parsons of Goshen; Sarah, who m. John Hamilton of Brookfield, and settled in Champlain, Clin. Co. N. Y.; *Joseph;* Olive, who m. ——— Bigelow of Tinmouth, Vt.; *Jonas;* and Silvanus, who m. ——— Lynde of Goshen, and settled in Williamstown.

there, and removed to Ohio; *Eunice*, Jan. 19, 1780, and m. Philip Hemenway, in 1802; *Relief*, July 25, 1781, and m. Seth White of Goshen, June 4, 1800; *Lucy*, Jan. 31, 1783, and m. Silas Burgess of Goshen, Dec. 21, 1803; *Joseph*, who was b., and d. infant at the time of the mother's death.

His 2d wife was Mary Field, a wid. of Western, now Warren, whom he m. in 1788. She was ad. from the chh. there, to this, in 1789, and d. here, May 3, 1838, aged 80; and he, Nov. 19, 1825, aged 75. Chil. *Joseph*, b. Nov. 12, 1789; *Phebe*, July 14, 1792, and m. Oliver Maynard, in 1815, and next, John Baird; *Calvin Reed*, Feb. 3, 1793; *Clarissa*, July 24, 1794, and m. Samuel Maynard, in 1812; *Artemas*, Nov. 8, 1796, and d. March 14, 1797; *Artemas*, Jan. 26, 1798.

Her s. Ebenezer Field, d. here, Jan. 2, 1831, aged 50, and her D., Mary Field, July 3, 1841, aged 63; both unm.

STONE, LUKE (s. of Joseph) m. the wid. of Josiah Fairbank of Enfield, and settled in Rochester, Vt. She d. in 1842. Chil. *Louisa*, *Francis*, *Nancy*, *Caroline*, *John* and *Joseph*, twin brothers.

STONE, Hon. JOSEPH (bro. of the preceding) m. Martha, D. of Benjamin Maynard, in 1816, and settled in Hardwick, physician, Rep. and Sen. Chil. *Harriet*, b. Jan. 22, 1817, and m. John Paige, Oct. 23, 1845; *Mary Field*, Sept. 24, 1819, and d. Sept. 29, 1838; *Joseph*, Sept. 29, 1821, and d. in 1822; *Martha*, June 25, 1823; *Lucretia*, March 15, 1825; *Louisa*, April 16, 1827.

STONE, CALVIN R.* (bro. of the above) m. Susan, D.

* He was killed at Cincinnati, by the explosion of the boiler of the steamboat Mozelle, April 25, 1838. This catastrophe happened about 6, P. M., whereby more than 100 persons instantly lost their lives. He was standing upon the deck of the boat, and thrown the distance of 20 rods, and, in an elevation of more than 100 feet, upon the top of a house, the roof of which was partially broken in by his fall, where his lifeless body laid several hours before it was discovered; his watch not stopt, but the crystal broken.

of Charles H. Fitch, Aug. 18, 1822. Chil. *George C.*, b. Nov. 11, 1822; *Charles*, Feb. 10, 1825; *William*, Aug. 12, 1827; *Ellen*, March 21, 1830; *Mary Williams*, Nov. 5, 1833.

STONE, ARTEMAS (bro. of the above) m. Eliza, D. of Edward Kingsbury of Brookfield, and g. D. of Jonah Howe, Esq., Dec. 2, 1824. Chil. *Clarissa*, b. Jan. 5, 1826; and *Elizabeth*. Removed to Boston.

STONE, JONAS (s. of Joseph of Brookfield) m. Lucy, D. of Col. Job Cushing, July 4, 1781; he was then called of Charlton. He next m. Lucretia, D. of Henry Baldwin, June 1, 1784, and settled in Leicester, Steward of the Academy there, for several years; removed to Boston, kept the Lion Tavern, &c., and removed to this town about 1821. His wife, Lucretia, d. here, Feb. 21, 1847, aged 84, 3 mos.; he survives. Chil. *Lucy Cushing*, who m. Paul Whitney of Boston; *Henry Baldwin*, who m. Elizabeth Clapp; *Lucretia; Artemas*, who m. Hannah Washburn; *Mary*, who d. infant; *Jonas Emery*, who m. Anna Stocker; *William Ward*, who d. when 3 years old; *Mary Louisa*, who d. at the age of 14; and *William Ward*, who m. Helen M. Scott.

SMITH, PETER, one of the founders of this chh., m. Mercy Weight (Waite) in Marlboro', Dec. 18, 1718. They were then called of Marlboro'. He was living on house lot, No. 21, in 1729. She was ad. to this chh., from that in Westboro', in 1724.

He bequeathed £50, old tenor, to this chh., with which one or more communion cups, with his name inscribed thereon, were procured by vote of the chh., and are still in use. He d. here, Sept. 23, 1748, aged 59. Chil. (only three births are on record here,) *Peter*, b. Nov. 19, 1722, and lived 25 days; *Elizabeth*, Dec. 22, 1724, and lived 19 days; *Peter*, Aug. 28, 1727, and lived 25 days. It does not appear that he had other chil.

SMITH, THOMAS m. Elizabeth Tayntor in Marlboro', in 1745, and soon after removed to this town, and lived on what has

since been known as the "*Tomlin* Place," a short distance East of where the late Asa Rice lived; the house in which he lived was taken down nearly 30 years ago. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. July 8, 1746, and m. Aaron Temple, in 1765; *Mary*, Feb. 2, 1748, and m. Joseph Ballard of Andover, Sept. 10, 1771; *Sarah*, April 29, 1750; *Hannah*, March 11, 1753, and m. Jonas Wyman of Lancaster, May 27, 1772; *Lydia*, Dec. 23, 1755, and d. March 19, 1764; *Lucena*, July 31, 1759, and m. David Hosley, or Hasley, of Lancaster, Dec. 11, 1777; *Dolly*, May 13, 1762; and *Lucretia*, Feb. 8, 1765. They were all bap. here, in a few days after their respective births. Their mother was ad. to this chh., from that in Marlboro', in 1771. There is no record here of the death of either of the parents; they probably removed to live with some one of their married daughters.

SMITH, EPHRAIM came from Boxford,* and here m. Hannah, D. of Daniel Rice, Aug. 16, 1733; both then called of Shrewsbury. He probably d. here, but his death is not on record. Chil. *Daniel*, who was b. in 1733, as appears by his age at death, was bap. here, also, his mother, May 10, 1736; at which time the parents owned the chh. covenant; *Ephraim* and *Aaron*, b. June 22, 1736; and Aaron bap. on the 27th; previous to which time, Ephraim had probably deceased; *Moses*,

* Boxford was once a part of Rowley. In a history of the latter town, from its settlement, to a recent period, by *Thomas Gage*, I find what in all probability relates to the ancestry of Ephraim Smith.

"Hugh Smith was settled there in 1642, and d. in 1656; his wife was Mary." They had, says Mr. Gage, Edward, b. in 1654, and probably *John;* Samuel, and four daughters.

John, whose wife was Faith Parrot, had John and Jonathan, twins, b. in 1659, and probably *Benjamin.*

Benjamin, whose wife was Martha Kilborn, had Moses, in 1711; Benjamin, in 1719; Jacob, in 1720, and Joseph, in 1724. These names indicate a family relation between the Smiths there, and those who first settled here. Ephraim may have been a son of Benjamin, and bro. of Jacob and Joseph above mentioned, who, it is sup. also came to this town. Families of this name were early settlers in several of the most ancient towns in New England. The name is now the most common, probably, of any in this country, and the pedigrees of the families, therefore, the most difficult to be traced with accuracy.

Jan. 25, 1739; *William*, Jan. 30, 1742; *Asa*, Oct. 5, 1744; *Elizabeth*, Feb. 17, 1748, and m. Thomas Johnson, Sept. 24, 1771. The death of Ephraim Smith is not on record; his *wife* was ad. to this chh. in 1775, and, in 1790, was a wid. of 77, and m. Jedediah Tucker, whose age was 78.

SMITH, DANIEL (s. of Ephraim) m. Lucy, D. of Capt. Daniel Howe, Jan. 19, 1758. His wife, Lucy, d. July 31, 1802, aged 66. Chil. *Lewis*, b. March 2, 1758; *Ashur*, Oct. 4, 1759; *Stephen*, Aug 24, 1761, settled in N. Y., and d. there, about 1842; *Thaddeus*, Sept. 30, 1763, and d. here, Dec. 24, 1822; *Catharine*, Feb. 7, 1765, and m. Stephen Johnson, in 1793; *Daniel*, Dec. 28, 1766; *Mary*, Nov. 23, 1768, and m. Alexander Miller, in 1797; *Lucy*, Nov. 14, 1770, and m. Nathaniel Elethorpe of Bridport, Vt., Sept. 7, 1795; and, probably, *Bridget*, who m. Abijah Shumway, perhaps of Oxford, Sept. 21, 1800; he was then called of Shrewsbury; and *William*.

Daniel Smith m. Abigail Putnam, a wid. of Sutton, in 1803, and d. Dec. 12, 1811, aged 78.

SMITH, AARON * (bro. of the preceding) m. Dinah, D. of Ephraim Wheeler, Aug. 4, 1757, and lived on the place af-

* He was one of the *immortals*, who fought on Bunker Hill; and was in the service during most of the war. He commanded a company in aid of Shay's rebellion, and, when it was nearly suppressed, withdrew from the Commonwealth, and returned after the passage of an act of amnesty. Even in his latter days, he spoke of that period of his life with much pride and self-satisfaction. He avowed good motives, and *admitted* ill-judged proceedings on his part, and those, who acted with him, in seeking relief from the pressure of the times, adding, *emphatically*, "there was *cause* for complaint." What he said was undoubtedly true.

When Lafayette visited this country, in 1824, and was at Worcester, on the 2d of Sept., in that year, Mr. Smith, then in his 89th year, walked there, a distance of four miles, to meet his old commander, under whom he served in the Jerseys, in the most trying period of the Revolutionary war. He presented Lafayette with a cane, informing him he had wrought it from a stick he brought home with him from that campaign. Immediately Lafayette recognized him, and greeted him with such fraternal salutations, as excited great sensibility among a crowd of spectators. He anticipated the high satisfaction he should enjoy in being present at the laying of the corner stone of Bunker Hill Monument, on the 17th of June following; but—it was not permitted him to see that day.

terwards of John Mason, Sen., next on the Baldwin Place, and lastly in the S. W. part of the town, where his g. s. Holloway Harrington now lives. He d. May 9, 1825, aged 89 ; the death of his wife, Dinah, is not on record ; she is sup. to have d. previous to the year 1800. Chil. *Martin*, b. Jan. 1758 ; *Aaron ; Miriam*, Jan. 8, 1761, and m. Reuben Baker, in 1778 ; *Ashbel*, Jan. 12, 1763, m. Azubah, wid. of Capt. Henry Baldwin, April 23, 1805, and d. without issue, May 17, 1816, aged 65, and his wid., Azubah, June 3, 1825, aged 65 ; *Sarah*, March 21, 1765, and m. John H. Howe, in 1787 ; *Relief*, Feb. 2, 1768, and m. Daniel Harrington, in 1788 ; *Eunice*, who m. John Taft, in 1795.

SMITH, MOSES (bro. of Aaron) m. Lydia, D. of Zachariah Smith, April 30, 1760, removed to Templeton, and d. there.

SMITH, ASA (s. of Ephraim) m. Elizabeth, D. of Ephraim Wheeler, July 3, 1764. Chil. *William*, b. Dec. 17, 1764, and d. infant ; *Dolly*, Sept. 17, 1766 ; *Alice*, Feb. 15, 1769, and m. Winsor Drury of Brookfield, in 1791 ; *Azubah*, April 28, 1771, and sup. m. Jabez Knight of Leicester, in 1791 ; *Levinah*, May 28, 1776 ; *Elizabeth*, April 28, 1778. Removed from town.

SMITH, LEWIS (s. of Daniel) m. Lucy, D. of Jotham Howe, Dec. 22, 1782. Chil. *Benjamin Jones*, b. March 9, 1783 ; *Hannah*, Jan. 17, 1785 ; *Gardner*, Feb. 17, 1787 ; *Emery*, March 18, 1789, and d. in 1790 ; *Moses* and *Aaron*, April 2, 1793. The parents removed to Wardsboro', Vt., and d. there.

SMITH, ASHUR (s. of Daniel) m. Anna, D. of Jedediah Tucker, Jun., in 1791. Chil. *Nahum*, b. Dec. 5, 1791 ; *Joanna*, May 17, 1794, and d. in 1797 ; *Gilbert*, Feb. 18, 1796, and d. in 1798 ; *Mary*, April 18, 1798 ; *Gilbert*, Dec. 18, 1799 ; *Lyman*, April 14, 1801 ; *Jubal*, April 17, 1803 ; *Amos*, May 1, 1805. The parents removed to New Salem, and d. there.

SMITH, DANIEL, Jun. (s. of Daniel) m. Mercy, D. of Asa Mixer, Oct. 11, 1793. She d. Nov. 13, 1816, aged 45. Chil. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 9, 1793; *Jarvis*, Jan. 19, 1796, and m. Sarah, D. of Josiah Norcross, April 12, 1826. His chil. not on record, *Relief*, Nov. 30, 1797, and m. Samuel Wesson of Providence, R. I., Nov. 5, 1820; *Eliza*, Nov. 15, 1799; *Lucy*, July 26, 1802, and m. Phineas Wesson of Providence, Jan. 14, 1824; *John*, July 15, 1804, and d. Sept. 30, 1808; *Mercy*, April 13, 1806, and m. Daniel Harrington, 2d, in 1825; *Angeline Augusta*, March 31, 1808. He next m. Olive Collier, a wid. of Sutton, in 1822.

SMITH, WILLIAM (s. of Daniel) m. Sarah, D. of Daniel Johnson, Jan. 15, 1799. Chil. *Olive*, b. Sept. 9, 1799, and m. Jeremiah Pease, in 1830; *Pamelia*, Jan. 22, 1801, and m. Edmund Myrick, in 1821; *Abner Johnson*, May 11, 1802.

SMITH, MARTIN (s. of Aaron) m. Mary Harrington of Grafton, in 1794, and d. Sept. 10, 1808, aged 50, and his wife, Mary, July 20, 1800, aged 34. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. July 17, 1795, and m. Philip Wing, perhaps of Northbridge, afterwards of Grafton; *Martin*, July 29, 1798, m. and settled in Greenfield; *Anna*, May 7, 1800, and d. Feb. 13, 1813.

SMITH, AARON, Jun. (s, of Aaron) m. Jenny, D. of Jotham Howe, May 22, 1794. Chil. *John*, b. Sept. 21, 1794; *Eunice*, July 11, 1796. The parents removed to the Western part of New York.

SMITH, Lt. ZACHARIAH, b. 1717 (s. of Zachariah of Watertown, who was s. of Jonathan and Jane, and b. in 1687) m. Lydia Hastings of and in Waltham, Oct. 19, 1738. He was called Jun., in the record of his marriage. When they came to this town, is unknown. He d. Jan. 28, 1793, aged 76, and his wid., Lydia, July 18, 1796, aged 76. Chil. *Joshua*, b. June 14, 1739; *Lydia*, Oct. 18, 1740, and m. Moses Smith, in 1760;

Susannah, March 28, 1742—(the first whose baptism is on record here,) and d. March 22, 1759; *Mary*, Aug. 4, 1743, and m. Silas Hemenway, in 1766; *Uriah*, Aug. 11, 1745, m. Lydia, D. of John Keyes of the N. P., in 1771, and removed to Wilton, N. H.; *Jonas*, bap. Jan. 11, 1747, m. Elizabeth Browning of Rutland, in 1771, settled and d. there; *Phineas*, bap. Feb. 12, 1749, and settled in Newfane, Vt.; *Martha*, bap. Feb. 3, 1751, m. Artemas Bruce, and removed to Ct.; *Samuel*, b. Sept. 24, 1752, and d. in 1756; *Thankful*, Oct. 21, 1754, and d. in 1756; *Samuel*, July 25, 1757, and *Lewis*, Feb. 22, 1760.

SMITH, SAMUEL (s. of Zachariah,) m. Abigail, D. of Elnathan Pratt, Jan. 1, 1778. She d. July 1, 1817, aged 59. Chil. *Dana*, b. April 12, 1778; *Azubah*, April 14, 1780, and m. Luther Noyes, in 1799; *Clara*, April 19, 1782, and m. William Knowlton, in 1799; *Franklin*, Sept. 8, 1784; *Sarah*, April 11, 1789, and m. Thaddeus Cary, in 1808; *Rhoda*, Oct. 14, 1791, and m. Isaac Harrington, in 1809; *Charlotte*, Feb. 5, 1796, and m. John S. Peirks, in 1814.

Samuel Smith next m. Lydia, wid. of Daniel Mixer, April 20, 1818, and d. June 9, 1841, aged 84; and his wife, Lydia, April 19, 1841, aged 73.

SMITH, LEWIS (bro. of Samuel,) m. Mary, D. of Timothy Howard, Oct. 6, 1783; she was ad. to this chh. in 1786, and d. in Dec. 1824, aged 59. Chil. *Salmon*, b. May 9, 1784; *Martha*, March 11, 1788, and m. Warren Harrington, in 1808; *Mary*, Oct. 22, 1790, and m. Silas Wheelock, Jun., in 1808.

The 2d wife of Lewis Smith was Olive, wid. of Asa Knowlton, whom he m. Feb. 3, 1826, and d. Feb. 21, 1838, aged 78, and his wife, Olive, June 4, 1837, aged 74.

SMITH, SALMON (s. of Lewis and Mary) m. Mehitable Stearns, in 1806. Chil. *Nancy*, b. June 21, 1807, and m. Israel Arnold of Paxton; *John*, April 22, 1809; *Lewis*, Aug. 27, 1811; *Laura*, April 1, 1814, and m. ——— Morey of Vt.;

Mehitable, Aug. 27, 1816, and m. Adam H. Cary; *Leander*, June 4, 1818; *Harriet*, Nov. 15, 1820.

SMITH, MOSES (s. of, and where from, unknown) whose wife was Phebe, had *Moses*, b. April 6, 1750; *Joab*, Aug. 25, 1751, who d. Sept. 16, 1757; *Jacob*, March 23, 1753; *John*, June 14, 1756, and d. in 1757; *Joab*, March 25, 1759.

SMITH, Dr. JOSHUA (whose wife was Sarah, D. of the Rev. John Prentice of Lancaster, and sister of the Rev. Job Cushing, was here in 1742, and ad. to this chh. in May of that yc r. He was a good penman, and employed in various town offices, from 1745, until his death, which occurred Jan. 20, 1756, at the age of 37. Chil. *Benjamin*, b. May 23, 1742; *Sarah*, June 1, 1743; *Joshua*, March 21, 1745; *Lewis*, May 4, 1747, and lived 5 days; *John Prentice*, Oct. 3, 1748; and *Benjamin*, Jan. 22, 1752.

His wid. Sarah, m. Col. Timothy Brigham of Southboro', April 12, 1759.

SMITH, BEZALEEL (of Sudbury) m. Sarah Miles of Concord, Dec. 8, 1731. They were ad. to this chh. in 1734; he d. here Oct. 20, 1756, his age not recorded. Chil. *Thomas*, bap. July 4, 1734; *Sarah*, b. May 13, 1736; *Eunice*, April 13, 1738; *Ezekiel*, Sept. 17, 1740; *Moses*, Jan. 6, 1745; *Samuel*, June 6, 1748; *Hepzibah*, March 11, 1754; and *Martha*, Nov. 20, 1755.

SMITH, JACOB and his wife Kezia, were probably both from Weston. "He owned the chh. covenant here, in 1739; she had owned it at Weston, when she dwelt there."—*Chh. rec.* Chil., as on record here, *Ruth*, b. Sept. 16, 1739; *Jacob*, bap. March 29, 1741; *Joel*, Aug. 19, 1743; *Keziah*, Nov. 10, 1745; *Jonathan Warren*, Feb. 26, 1748; *Solomon*, March 18, 1750; *Joseph*, June 0, ——.

Their D. Keziah, was bap. here May 25, 1746, "the parents then living in Worcester, destitute of a settled minister."—*Chh. records.*

SMITH, NATHAN, whose wife was Susannah, had *John*, b. April 19, 1768.

SMITH,* DENNIS, known as "*master Smith*," a school teacher, and distinguished for his penmanship, was from the West of England, and reputed to be of Scotch descent; he m. Anna, D. of Elijah Rawson, perhaps before he or *her* father removed to this town; there is no record here of their marriage, or publishment. Chil. *Jonathan Rawson*, b. April 7, 1771; *Michael*, June 27, 1773; *William Dennis*, June 9, 1775; *Samuel*, Sept. 7, 1777; *Mary*, Feb. 15, 1780; *Ann*, July 21, 1782.

Removed to the Western part of N. Y.

SMITH, JONATHAN R. (s. of Dennis) m. Sarah, D. of Daniel Noyes, Feb. 10, 1793, and had *Elizabeth*, who m. Mark B. Knowlton, in 1823, and perhaps others.

SMITH, DANA (s. of Samuel) went to Charlton, m. and settled there. Chil. *Stillman*; *Silas*; and perhaps others.

SMITH, STILLMAN (s. of Dana) m. Lucy, D. of Capt. Seth Hemenway, in 1826. She d. Sept. 23, 1832, aged 27. Chil. *Velina Ann*, b. Feb. 5, 1827; and *Lorenzo Gilbert*, Oct. 31, 1829. He next m. Abigail H., D. of Jotham Bartlett, Dec. 15, 1833, and d. May 14, 1839. Child, *Lorana Ann*, b. April 23, 1835.

His bro. Silas, m. Adaline, D. of Capt. Seth Hemenway.

* While teaching a school, a Scotchman, travelling by, and desirous to make acquaintance with his countrymen, wherever he could find them, called, and was invited by master Smith to take a seat by his side. A class was called out in line, fronting the master and his friend, to read and spell. It somewhat excited his surprise, to see all of them clad in leather aprons. When the class was through, and had taken their seats, he inquired of master Smith, with much earnestness, and a very broad brogue, "My good sir, are all those *lads the sons o' blacksmiths?*"

This excited the *mirth* of the lads, as much as their leather aprons had his *wonder*. He was told it was customary for all lads to wear leather aprons. A class of older lads was next called out, and when he saw they had on not only leather aprons, but leather *breeches* too, he took leave without uttering a word!

SHERMAN,* JOSEPH m. Sarah Perrum, (perhaps Perham) of Sutton, Dec. 25, 1728; he was then called of Shrewsbury. She d. March 2, 1772, aged 69; his death is not recorded here. Their s. Joseph, was bap. here, Feb. 8, 1736, and probably d. young; *John*, b. April 8, 1737; *Sarah*, June 27, 1739, and m. Thomas Grover of Grafton, in 1759; *Joseph*, bap. Aug. 15, 1742; *Lydia*, Aug. 29, 1744, and m. Israel Rice of Grafton, Nov. 22, 1764; and perhaps others.

SHERMAN, JOHN (s. of Joseph) m. Cloe Thayer of Bellingham, in 1761; she d. May 26, 1766, aged 25. His death is not on record here. Chil. *Caleb*, b. May 14, 1762; *John*, March 27, 1764; *Cloe*, Aug. 4, 1765.

SHERMAN, JOSEPH, Jun. (s. of Joseph) m. Abigail Muzzy, Feb. 4, 1766; she was then called of Shrewsbury, perhaps came here from Sudbury. Chil. *Nathan*, b. Dec. 6, 1767, and m. Mary Stearns, in 1790; *Mary*, Oct. 22, 1769, and sup. m. Joel Drury, in 1788; *Abigail*, Oct. 22, 1771, and m. Gardner Howe, in 1789; *Lydia*, bap. March 26, 1775. The father was a soldier in the Continental service, and d. at Morristown, N. J., in the winter of 1777, aged 35. His wid. Abigail, m. Timothy Wheelock of New Ipswich, N. H., in 1782.

SHERMAN,† CALEB (s. of John) went to Conway, m. ——— Bacon, settled there, and had sons, *Joseph*, *John*, *Orra*, *William*; and a D. *Cloe*, and perhaps others.

* He was the s. of John and Mary Sherman, and b. in Marlboro', in 1703; his brothers were Ephraim, b. in 1710, sup. settled in Grafton; John, 1713; and Samuel, 1718. His father is sup. to have been a native of Watertown, and probably a descendant of John, who was settled there in 1637, and had sons, John and Joseph.

† He was formerly, and for many years, extensively known as a drover from the river towns to Brighton market; and about the year 1812, while passing with a drove of cattle over the bridge, that crosses Connecticut river, at Montague, was precipitated with most of his drove, into the river, and upon the rocks, a distance of 30 feet or more, by the breaking down of the bridge; whereby his leg was broken, and many of his cattle killed. After amputation of his limb, he, with a wooden leg, long continued in that employment, and is yet living, at the age of 85.

SHERMAN, JOHN (from Grafton) m. Elizabeth, D. of Daniel Johnson, April 2, 1815, and had *Benjamin*, b. Oct. 8, 1815, who d. May 12, 1816. Returned to Grafton.

SUMNER, Rev. JOSEPH, D. D. (s. of Deac. Samuel of Pomfret, Ct., b. in 1710; whose father was George of Roxbury, s. of George, 1st. Deac. of Milton chh. and b. in 1634,) was ord. to the ministry here, June 23, 1762, and m. Lucy Williams of Pomfret, in 1763; D. D. H. U. in 1814, and about the same time the like honorary degree was conferred upon him by Columbia College, S. C. He d. Dec, 9, 1824, aged 85, and his wife, Lucy, Feb. 13, 1810, aged 71. Chil. *Sarah*, b. May 6, 1764, and m. William Jennison of Worcester, Oct. 30, 1788; *Samuel*, Sept. 24, 1765; *Joseph*, July 31, 1767; *Joanna*, Sept. 5, 1769, and m. Edward Sumner of Roxbury, June 10, 1806; *Lucy*, Dec. 24, 1771, and m. Joseph Wheeler, Jun., of Worcester, Jan. 13, 1793; *Elizabeth*, Dec. 15, 1773; *Dorothy*, Dec. 31, 1777, and m. George Merriam of Worcester, Dec. 22, 1796, and d. here, his wid., March, 1841; he d. in Worcester, in 1802; their s. George M., m. Caroline Pamelia, D. of Samuel Haven, Jun.; *Erastus*, Feb. 10, 1783.

SUMNER, Rev. SAMUEL (s. of Rev. Joseph) grad. D. C., 1786, was ord. to the ministry in Southboro', June 1, 1791, and dis. Dec. 1, 1797. He m. a wid. Williams, originally Taylor of Southboro', and removed to Bakersfield, Vt., where he settled in the ministry, and d. in 1836, aged 71.

SUMNER, JOSEPH, Jun. (s. of Rev. Joseph) m. Rebecca Jeffrey of Salem, in 1797, and d. Oct. 4, 1825, aged 58, and his wife, Rebecca, March 31, 1824, aged 56. Chil. *Ann Jeffrey*, b. May 20, 1799, and m. Jubal Howe of Boston, Nov. 17, 1830; *James Jeffrey*, Oct. 10, 1801, and d. unm. Jan. 1, 1827.

SUMNER, ERASTUS (bro. of the preceding) m. Lavinia Boyd of Marlboro', Jan. 12, 1805, and lives on the homestead.

Chil. *Caroline Maria*, b. Jan. 7, 1807, and m. Arnold L. Allen, in 1833; *Lucy Williams*, Aug. 14, 1809, and d. Jan. 1, 1827; *Lydia Morse*, June 18, 1812; *Sarah Ann*, Nov. 8, 1814; *Jane Augusta*, Nov. 18, 1817; *George*, March 12, 1819, and d. Sept. 19, 1821; *Catharine Whipple*, July 8, 1822; *George*, July 25, 1824.

STRATTON, DAVID, called of this town, (perhaps s. of David of Watertown, who m. Hannah Smith of Lexington, Jan. 30, 1728) was pub. to Dinah Wheeler of Marlboro', Nov. 8, 1761. There is no further record of him here.

Eunice Stratton was dis. from this chh. to that in Hardwick, in 1742; having been ad. here in 1731, by the name of Eunice Kerley. She was probably from Marlboro'.

SELFRIDGE, WILLIAM and his wife Agnes, were from Ireland. Their s. *Edward*, was b. Nov. 30, 1701, in Ardstraw, in the County of Tyron, in Ireland.

SELFRIDGE, EDWARD (s. of William) whose wife was Elizabeth, had *Martha*, bap. here, June 20, 1731; *Oliver*, bap. Dec. 24, 1732; *Rebecca*, b. Sept. 8, 1736. This family, and perhaps the parents of Edward, removed to Rutland. Edward Selfridge, (says Jonas Reed, in his History of Rutland,) m. Hannah Miles of Concord, lived a few years in Rutland, then sold, and settled in Hubbardston. He was probably the s. of Edward who removed from this town to Rutland. From this family descended Thomas Oliver Selfridge, who killed Charles Austin, by a pistol shot, in State Street, Boston, in the month of Aug. 1807.

SKIDMORE, RICHARD (Skidmore in the *town*, and Sedmore, in the chh. records) whose wife was Jemima, had *Rebecca*, b. June 26, 1734, and bap. here in July following.

SYMMES, THOMAS (s. of John of Boston) forage master, d. here, during the Revolutionary war, leaving a wid., Rebecca, who d. May 28, 1816, aged 96. No issue.

SEAVER, NORMAN, whose wife was Sarah, probably lived in the N. P., and had *Joseph*, b. May 13, 1761; *Isaac*, Feb. 18, 1763; *Ethan*, Sept. 24, 1765; *Daniel*, June 28, 1767; *Hermon*, May 6, 1769, and sup. m. Elizabeth Weeks of Marlboro', Jan. 15, 1794; *Luther*, April 13, 1771.

SEVER, MOSES of Westboro', m. Lucy Johnson of Hopkinton, Feb. 25, 1758, and lived in this town several years, near the head of Quinsigamond pond; his chil. all sup. b. in Westboro', were *Abigail*, b. March 8, 1761, and m. ——— Taylor, and next, George Parker, in 1794; *Ephraim*, Sept. 16, 1767; *Nathan*, March 3, 1769; *Edward*, Dec. 16, 1770, and *Asenath*, who m. Abner Mellen, in 1800. He returned to Westboro', before the year 1800, and d. there, in 1810. His wid. Lucy, d. here, July 19, 1816, aged 84.

SEVER, EPHRAIM (s. of Moses) m. Jan. 17, 1803, Sarah Pike of Westboro', wid. sup. of Moses Pike; (she was originally Sarah Bigelow,) and d. here, Sept. 11, 1834, aged 67. Chil. *Sarah Miller*, b. Jan. 11, 1805, and m. Zimri Wheelock of Northboro', in 1826; and *Ruth Knowlton*, May 11, 1806, who m. Lewis Howe of Marlboro', in 1826.

STACY, NYMPHAS from Hopkinton, (bro. of the wife of Capt. Seth Pratt, also of the wife of Capt. Lewis Eager) m. Martha Abbott, April 12, 1781; she was then called of this town, and ad. to this chh. in 1784. Chil. *Martha*, b. Oct. 8, 1781; and *John*, Sept. 5, 1783. Removed to Winchester, N. H.

Keziah Stacy, m. Jotham Glazier of New Braintree, in 1773; and Anna Stacy, John Powers of Lancaster, in 1774.

SPOFFORD, JOB probably from Rowley, m. Esther, D. of David Taylor, Nov. 26, 1776, and had *David*, b. Aug. 8, 1777, who d. infant.

STILES, EDMUND, whose wife was Elizabeth, had *Phineas*, b. March 20, 1764, and *Elizabeth*, Sept. 4, 1765.

STILES, JOSHUA from Princeton, (perhaps s. of the preceding) m. Abigail, D. of Jonathan Gale, in 1781, and had *Abigail*, b. Feb. 14, 1782, and *Persis*, Jan. 3, 1784.

SOUTHGATE, ELIJAH (from Leicester) m. Martha, D. of Joseph Hastings, Jan. 19, 1774, and d. here, Nov. 6, 1837, aged 87; and his wife, Martha, May 26, 1837, aged 84. No issue.

STOW, JOHN m. Sarah Healy of Worcester, April 2, 1794, and lived in the house, long since taken down, where probably Luke Rice lived, a short distance West of the house of the late Asa Rice. He was a tailor by trade, and removed from town after a few years. No record of chil. here.

STOW, ABNER (sup. from Grafton) whose wife was Sarah, lived near the house of Samuel Smith, and had *Abner Miles*, b. Oct. 5, 1826, and *Mary Hall*, July 10, 1828.

SLOCOMB, GEORGE whose wife was Tabitha, came here about 1796, with a family of chil., from Medfield, or vicinity, and purchased the farm and tavern stand previously belonging to Jotham Howe, where he d. Oct. 8, 1826, aged 74, and his wid. Tabitha, Jan. 3, 1829, aged 73. Chil. perhaps not in this order, (the six first named have not their births recorded here,) *Susannah*, who m. Gregory Mason, in 1797; *Sylvia*, who m. Lyman Howe, in 1802; *George; Jerub*, who settled in N. Y., but d. here, July 27, 1834, aged 50; *Vesty*, who d. here, Sept. 25, 1796, aged 10 years; *Harding*, who m. Maria Morgan of Brimfield, in 1818, and removed to Homer, N. Y.; *Elizabeth*, b. May 14, 1796, and m. Samuel Wright of Northampton, March 7, 1823; *Calvin Newton*, Feb. 10, 1799; *Harriet*, July 19, 1802, and d. infant; *Harriet*, Dec. 22, 1804, and m. Thomas Bond of Boylston.

John Slocomb, bro. of George, d. here, Oct. 2, 1817, aged 96.

SLOCOMB, GEORGE, Jun. (s. of George) m. Lucy Bond of Boylston, in 1805. He kept a public house a few years at Cambridgeport, then returned and settled here. His wife, Lucy, d. here, May 26, 1815. Chil. (not on record here) *George Bond*, and *Lucy Ann*, who m. Jonas Wilson of Spencer. He next m. Sarah, D. of Capt. Lewis Eager, Oct. 13, 1817, and d. Dec. 13, 1827, aged 47. Chil. *Charles Eager*, b. Aug. 10, 1818; *Sarah Cleora*, Oct. 10, 1820.

SLOCOMB, CALVIN N. (bro. of the preceding) m. Persis C. Warner of Holden, in 1827, and had *Caroline Warner*, b. Jan. 23, 1828, and *Harriet Georgiana*, March 18, 1829. Removed to Homer, N. Y.

SLOCOMB, PHILO, from Sutton, (s. of William, bro. of John and George) m. Relief, D. of Daniel Maynard, Jan. 12, 1806. They were ad. to this chh. in 1811. Chil. *Caroline Relief*, b. Oct. 27, 1806, and d. in 1807; *Caroline*, Aug. 10, 1808, and d. March 25, 1812; *John Maynard*, Dec. 22, 1810, and settled in Ohio; *Mary*, April 6, 1813, and d. Aug. 5, 1828; *Hannah Harrington*, Jan. 15, 1816, and m. Josiah G. Stone; *Emeline*, Nov. 20, 1822; *George Philo*, Dec. 28, 1827; *Harriet Ellen*, Sept. 26, 1829.

SAWYER, AARON (probably from Lancaster*) whose wife was Keziah, lived in the N. P. Chil. as on record here, *Dolly*, b. July 11, 1782; *Elizabeth*, Jan. 17, 1784; *Aaron*, Oct. 1, 1785.

Sarah Sawyer m. Benjamin Wilson of a place called "*Gardner's Farms*," July 4, 1754; perhaps now *Gardner*.

* Where was Thomas in 1647, whose wife was Mary. His sons were, Thomas, Ephraim, Joshua, James, Caleb and Nathaniel.—*Farmer*.

From this stock may have been the Marlboro' Sawyers; of whom, Thomas and Hannah had Hannah, b. in 1675, and William, in 1679. James and Mary had Ephraim, b. in 1678, James, in 1686, and Benjamin, in 1698. Ephraim Sawyer, who m. Elizabeth George, in 1700, had James, b. in 1701, Joshua, in 1702, and Jacob, in 1706.

Oliver Sawyer was pub. to Martha Hinds, Feb. 23, 1785. There is no other record here concerning any of this family name, except what follows.

SAWYER, CALVIN, and his wife Relief, had *Relief*, b. Feb. 20, 1783; *Calvin*, March 28, 1784; *Sophia*, Jan. 6, 1786; and *Susannah*, Feb. 3, 1788, and m. Abijah Knight, here, in 1808; *Lucy*, Dec. 10, 1789; and *Henry*, Oct. 19, 1791, all in Sterling. His wife, Relief, probably d. there. He next m. here, Mary, D. of Samuel Britton, Sept. 19, 1793, and was then called of Lancaster, where he had *Dennis*, b. April 6, 1794, who m. Susan, D. of Gideon Rider, June 25, 1820, and settled in Providence; she d. here Sept. 25, 1832, aged 37; *Austin*, June 4, 1796; *Relief*, July 15, 1798, who m. Jonas Temple, in 1817. He settled here, with his wife, Mary, and family, about 1804; the parents were ad. to this chh. in 1806. Chil. b. here, *Eliza*, Aug. 17, 1804; *Ruth Parker*, Nov. 6, 1806, and m. Joseph Temple, in 1828; *Franklin Adams*, July 11, 1809; *Caroline*, bap. May 24, 1812, and m. Samuel Houghton, Sept. 11, 1832. The father, Calvin Sawyer, d. here, Oct. 4, 1837, aged 74.

SAWYER, AUSTIN (s. of Calvin) m. Susannah, D. of Joseph S. Temple, Aug. 29, 1816, and had *Clarissa Relief*, b. Jan. 15, 1817. Removed to Providence.

SAWYER, WILLIAM (bro. of Calvin) with a family, removed to this town, lived here a short time and d. Sept. 19, 1824, aged 56.

Abigail Sawyer, a wid. sup. the wid. of William, d. here, Feb. 22, 1839, aged 57.

Abigail Sawyer, who m. Joseph P. Cary, in 1817, and *Harriet*, his 2d wife, were daughters of William; and perhaps, also, Lucretia M. Sawyer, who d. here, April 12, 1839, and 18 years.

STEARNS, Deac. STEPHEN, of the Baptist Society, m. Martha Stratton of Holden. Chil. as on record here; *Elvira*,

b. July 29, 1807, and m. Philip Crosby of Westminster, in 1825; *Mary Ann*, Dec. 31, 1808, and m. Charles A. Newton, in 1833; *Martha L.*, March 22, 1810; *Elizabeth*, Nov. 21, 1812; *Stephen*, Nov. 4, 1814, and d. Sept. 8, 1821.

His 2d wife was Elizabeth Holmes, a wid.; she d. Sept. 30, 1837, aged 51.

SNOW, HENRY, Esq. (from Dublin, N. H.,) m. Harriet, D. of Dr. Silas Wheelock, June 6, 1824, and d. May 23, 1844, aged 49. Chil. *Harriet Emily*, b. March 26, 1825, and *Marian Parker*, June 28, 1827.

SWAIN, JAMES B. (from Concord, or vicinity) m. Eunice Brigham, and had *Lucy Rebecca*, b. Feb. 13, 1729, and *James Prescott*, Sept. 18, 1832.

TAYLOR,* WILLIAM, known as Sergeant Taylor, b. 1692, m. Elizabeth, D. of Thomas Hapgood of Marlboro', Nov. 28, 1717, (she was b. in 1697, and was sister of Capt. Thomas Hapgood,

* Henry Axdell (Axtell) and Hannah, his wife, were m. June 14, 1665.

Eleazer Ward and Hannah Rice, were m. 10. 5. 1675.

Henry Axtel and Eleazer Ward, both slain by Indians, between Marlboro' and Sudbury, upon the road, April, 1676.—*Marlboro' Records.*

William Taylor m. the wid. of the former, 16. 5. 1677, and Richard Taylor of Sudbury, in the same year, m. the wid. of the latter; she was the D. of Deac. Caleb Rice of Marlboro'.

A William Taylor was in Concord, where he and his wife, Mary, had Mary, b. in 1649, Samuel, in 1655, Abraham, in 1656, and Jacob, in 1662, and, probably, William. He is sup. to have removed to Marlboro', where Mary, the wife of a William Taylor, d. in 1672, and to have been the William Taylor, who there m. Hannah, wid. of Henry Axtel, 16. 5. 1677, and Sarah Larkin, in 1699, and d. there, in 1706; then called William Taylor, *Sen.*, his age not stated.

William Taylor, s. sup. of William, m. Mary Johnson in Marlboro', Nov. 25, 1671; according to the Marlboro' records, they had eleven chil.; the two youngest, Ebenezer, b. in 1702, and Elisha, in 1704. Yet the record there, says Mary, the wife of William Taylor, d. in 1697; they may have been chil. by Mary, a 2d wife; and William, who d. in 1706, *may* have been the William Taylor, who m. Mary Johnson, and called *Sen.*, in contradistinction to his s. William, who, b. in 1692, settled in Shrewsbury, as did also Ebenezer, who was b. in 1702. Eleazer, the oldest s. of William Taylor, and Mary Johnson, b. in 1678, m. Lydia Barret of Marlboro', in 1699, and had Eleazer, b. there, in that year, who also settled in this town.

who early settled here,) they probably removed from Marlboro' to this town before the year 1720. He lived, as sup. where Capt. Amasa Howe now does, and was one of the founders of this chh., to which his wife, Elizabeth, was ad. in 1724. He d. Aug. 14, 1775, aged 84, and his wife, Elizabeth, March 17, 1763, aged 66. Chil. *Jonah*, whose birth is not on record here, but, in Marlboro', b. in 1718, and d. at Cape Breton, Sept. 8, 1745, aged 28; *Abigail*, here, March 5, 1720, and m. Moses Hastings, in 1742, and Samuel Bigelow, in 1770; *Mary*, Aug. 15, 1722, and m. Hezekiah Rice, in 1740, *Elizabeth*, June 3, 1725, and m. Solomon Stow of Marlboro', Nov. 19, 1741, and probably, Capt. Benjamin Fay of Westboro', in 1765; she was then called of Grafton; *Dinah*, March 12, 1727, and m. Ross Wyman, his 2d wife, April 10, 1751; *Eunice*, March 28, 1729, and m. Daniel Howe, June 10, 1748, and Marshall Newton, in 1751; *Lois*, May 10, 1731, and d. Oct. 15, 1745; *Hepzibah*, March 6, 1733, and m. Nathan Howe, Sept. 10, 1748; *Bulah*, Oct. 20, 1736, and d. Oct. 28, 1745; *Mercy*, Nov. 22, 1741, bap. the same day, and probably d. infant.

TAYLOR, EBENEZER (bro. of William) b. 1702, m. Mary Bannister of Marlboro', Jan. 1, 1723, he was then called of Shrewsbury. She was ad. to this chh. in 1728, and he, in 1741. He lived in the N. P. His wife, Mary, d. Aug. 14, 1736, aged 36. Chil. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 1, 1724, and sup. m. Jonathan Keyes, Jun., in 1752; *Elisha*, Dec. 3, 1726, and d. May 26, 1730; *Fortunatus*, Feb. 18, 1729; *Mary*, June 20, 1731; *Asa*, Nov. 12, 1733; *Andrew*, Aug. 16, 1736, and d. March 2, 1739. His 2d wife was Bulah, and their chil. *Lucy*, b. June 10, 1738; *Charles*, June 19, 1740; *Bulah*, bap. Oct. 17, 1742.

TAYLOR, Lt. ELEAZER (s. of Eleazer and Lydia Taylor of Marlboro') b. in 1699, m. Judith Hapgood, sister of the wife of William Taylor, July 5, 1721. They were ad. to this chh. in 1728, and in 1729, he was living on house lot, No. 43. His wife, Judith, d. Nov. 8, 1742, aged about 44. Chil. *Nathan*, b. Feb. 24, 1722; *David*, Sept. 17, 1723; *Micah*, June 15,

1726, and d. Aug. 9, 1735; *Eleazer*, Aug. 26, 1728; *Judith*, Feb. 13, 1729, and m. Stephen Flagg, in 1750; *Hannah*, Nov. 17, 1731, and d. Feb. 6, 1756; *Huldah*, Sept. 8, 1733, and m. Thomas Drury, in 1755; *Submit*, Nov. 26, 1735; *Zillah*, March 15, 1738, and m. Nathan Howe, his 2d wife, in 1771, and Jonas Temple of Boylston, in 1789; *Rufus*, Aug. 15, 1740; *Elizabeth*, Oct. 27, 1742.

He next m. Hannah, wid. of Gershom Flagg, March 26, 1744, and d. Sept. 20, 1753, aged 54. Chil. *Micah* and *Thankful*, b. Aug. 1, 1745; *Jonah*, May 17, 1747; *Anthony*, June 5, 1749; *Mary*, Aug. 7, 1752.

TAYLOR, NATHAN (s. of Eleazer) m. Sarah Hale of Harvard, April 10, 1744, and d. March 30, 1746, aged 24. Chil. *Isaac*, b. Jan. 27, 1745, and *Nathan*, July 18, 1746.

TAYLOR, DAVID (s. of Eleazer,) m. Hezediah, D. of John Wheeler, April 8, 1746. She d. Dec. 15, 1754, aged 30. No births by this marriage on record. He next m. Esther Jones of Marlboro', Oct. 28, 1756, and had *Esther*, b. Jan. 28, 1759, who m. Job Spofford, Nov. 26, 1776; *Hannah*, Sept. 15, 1760; *Lucy*, Oct. 9, 1762.

David Taylor removed to Berlin, and d. there.

TAYLOR, MICAH (s. of Eleazer) whose wife was Tabitha, had *Jonah*, b. Aug. 27, 1771, and *Joel*, Nov. 2, 1772.

TAYLOR, JOHN (s. sup. of John and Martha of Marlboro', if so, b. in 1736) m. Jemima, b. 1737, youngest D. of William Holloway of Westboro', in 1758, and settled here, in the N. P. Chil. on record here, *Holloway*, b. Feb. 7, 1757, and *Mary*, Feb. 12, 1761, and m. Jotham Bush, June 8, 1781. He removed to Northboro', and settled upon the place of Wm. Holloway, her father, (who, b. in 1689, was the s. of Adam Holloway, and d. in 1760,) and there had *John*, who was afterwards of Northampton.

Holloway Taylor, afterwards Col., m. Dinah Houghton of Sterling, and lived on the homestead, in Northboro', several years, and removed to St. Albans, Vt., about the year 1800.

TAYLOR, DANIEL whose wife was Sarah, had *Leander*, b. Oct. 4, 1808.

TEMPLE, RICHARD whose wife was Mary, was living on house lot, No. 37, in 1729; his wife Mary, d. here, Dec. 10, 1733, aged 57. His D. Mary, was ad. to this chh. in 1728, m. ——— Newton of Southboro', and was dis. to the chh. there, in 1743. Nothing further appears on record here concerning him, or his.

Thomas Temple and Joseph Temple were ad. to this chh. in 1728; the former was dis. to that in "*Roadtown*," in 1742, and the latter to the chh. in Worcester, in 1741; neither of them appear to have had any family while here.*

TEMPLE, ISAAC (s. sup. of Isaac of Marlboro') b. in 1703, m. Elizabeth Holland of Marlboro', June 4, 1725, and was living on house lot, No. 34, in 1729. His wife, Elizabeth, was ad. to this chh. in 1728. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 22, 1722; *Ephraim*, bap. June 15, 1727; *Abigail*, b. March 13, 1729, and d. Aug. 31, 1733; *Jonas*, July 1, 1733; *Francis*, Nov. 5, 1735; *Aaron*, Aug. 18, 1739; *Martha* and *Mary*, Feb. 26, 1741; the former m. Seth Heywood, in 1762; the latter, probably, Thomas Keyes of Westminster, in 1765; *Lucy*,

* They were probably from Concord, and grand sons of Richard and Joanna, who had Abigail, b. in Charlestown, 15. 5. 1647, (she m. Thomas Brabrook, in 1669,) and Isaac, in Concord, in 1657, also, as is said by *Farmer*, Abraham and Richard; Richard m. Sarah Parling in Concord, April 24, 1688. Abraham, whose wife was Martha, had Richard, b. in Concord, in 1674, Isaac, in 1678, John, in 1680, Joseph, in 1683, and Benjamin, in 1690, besides daughters; their mother was Deborah Haddock, m. in 1673, and d. in 1743, aged 94.

Isaac, s. of Abraham, is sup. to have settled in Marlboro'; his wife was Martha; they had ten chil. between 1700 and 1718, both years inclusive; four of them, sons, viz: Isaac, b. 1703, and sup. settled here, in the N. P., Abraham, in 1708, John, in 1712, and Jonas, in 1716.

Feb. 21, 1744, and m. Simeon Keyes, in 1765; *Sarah*, July 1, 1747, and m. John Glazier, in 1765.

The death of Isaac Temple is not on record; he was Rep., and many years one of the Selectmen—the last time, in 1765. When his wife Elizabeth, d. is unknown.

TEMPLE, EPHRAIM (s. of Isaac) m. Elizabeth, D. of Jacob Hinds, May 25, 1752, and Mary Farrar, perhaps of Lancaster, in 1757. Chil. *Francis*, b. Feb. 9, 1758; *Isaac*, March 11, 1759, and sup. m. Elizabeth Houghton of Lancaster, in 1785; *Ephraim*, May 18, 1760, and m. Sybil Ray of Westminster, and d. in Gardner; *Ezra*, May 24, 1762; *Ohio*, Nov. 5, 1764, m. ——— Heywood, settled and d. in Gardner; *Loammi*, March 18, 1767.

TEMPLE, Lt. JONAS (s. of Isaac) m. Olive, D. of Henry Keyes, in 1756; she d. Dec. 31, 1781, aged 45. Chil. *Olive*, b. Aug. 31, 1757, and m. John Parker, May 4, 1780; *Damaris*, Nov. 30, 1758, and m. Asa Cummings of Sutton, in 1784; *Dolly*, July 20, 1760, and m. Israel Keyes, in 1782; *John*, July 21, 1762; *Jonas*, May 12, 1764, and d. Oct. 21, 1779; *Lydia*, Feb. 25, 1766; *Ruth*, Oct. 16, 1772, and d. Nov. 19, 1779; *Abigail*, Sept. 24, 1776; *Jonas*, Aug. 5, 1780.

His 2d wife was Keziah Howe a wid., whom he m. in 1782, and had *Isaac*, b. Jan. 1, 1784. His 3d wife was Zillah, wid. of Nathan Howe, whom he m. March 10, 1789.

TEMPLE, FRANCIS (s. of Isaac) m. Anna Marsh of Sutton, in 1763; she d. April 4, 1765. He next m. Elizabeth, D. of Samuel Holland, Dec. 18, 1766, and d. March 9, 1767, aged 32. His wid., Elizabeth, m. Ephraim Wheeler, in 1769.

TEMPLE, AARON (s. of Isaac) m. Elizabeth, D. of Thomas Smith, June 4, 1765. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 30, 1766; *Francis*, March 4, 1767; *Joshua*, Jan. 30, 1769; *Mary*,

July 28, 1772; *Lydia*, Feb. 6, 1775; *Emery*, April 16, 1777; *Jonas*, Nov. 3, 1779; *Lucy*, Sept. 18, 1782; *Zebina*, Dec. 6, 1784.

TEMPLE, BENJAMIN (s. sup. of Abraham, of Concord; if so, he was b. in 1690) whose wife was Hannah, probably a 2d wife, had *Richard*, b. July 6, 1736, and bap. here, also his wife, Hannah, June 26, 1737; *Jemima*, b. May 25, 1738, and m. James Mahony, (Mahan) in 1766; *Timothy*, March 31, 1742; *Abigail*, Jan. 29, 1745; *Solomon*, July 23, 1746; *Amos*, May 12, 1748, and, perhaps others, before he came here.

Benjamin Temple, the father of these chil. was probably the Benjamin Temple of Concord, who m. Abigail Waite of Weston, Sept. 18, 1718.

TEMPLE, TIMOTHY (s. of the preceding) whose wife was Deborah, had *Parny*, b. Dec. 21, 1769; *Benjamin*, March 21, 1772; *Elizabeth*, March 24, 1774; *Lucy*, Sept. 18, 1776; *Abigail*, April 25, 1778; *Amos*, Sept. 17, 1784, and d. infant; *Mary*, June 17, 1780.

Most, if not all of the Temple families before mentioned, lived in the N. P., and in that part of it, now West Boylston.

TEMPLE, JOSEPH (s. of Abraham * and Elizabeth) m. Mary Whittemore, and came here from Grafton, but when unknown. He d. here about 1796; neither his death, nor that of his wife is on record here; his age *then* would have been about 64; his wife, Mary, survived him several years. Chil., as on record here, *Sarah*, b. Aug. 27, 1757, and m. Benjamin Pratt, in 1776; *Mary*, Sept. 10, 1760, and m. Benjamin Lyman of Halifax, Vt., Aug. 22, 1782; *Joseph Stratton*, June 27, 1762; *Aaron*, Sept. 17, 1764; *Anna*, Oct. 19, 1766, and m. Joshua

* He was bro. of Isaac, who settled in the N. P., and b. in 1708. His wife was Elizabeth. They had three chil. b. in Marlboro', *Joseph*, in 1732; Jonathan, in 1735; and Sarah, in 1737. The parents removed to Grafton; where they had Abner, and perhaps other chil. b. to them.

Winchester of Marlboro', Vt., Feb. 24, 1793; *Roswell*, Aug. 15, 1769, and m. Elizabeth, D. of Benjamin Baker, Jan. 20, 1792, and settled in New York.

TEMPLE, JOSEPH S. (s. of Joseph) m. Susannah, D. of Silas Hemenway, Oct. 16, 1786, and lived on the homestead. She d. Jan. 16, 1815, aged 44. Chil. *Lucinda*, b. May 6, 1787, and m. Martin Harrington, in 1808; *Mary*, Sept. 29, 1789, and m. Isaiah Munroe, in 1811; *Ethan*, July 13, 1792; *Jonas*, Dec. 15, 1794; *Susanna*, June 18, 1797, and m. Austin Sawyer, in 1816; *Clarissa*, April 21, 1800, and d. Jan. 26, 1815; *Joseph*, May 28, 1803; *Lucy Hemenway*, Aug. 15, 1807, and m. America Wheeler of Bolton, Oct. 12, 1826.

The 2d wife of Joseph S. Temple was Submit Goodenow, a wid. of Grafton, whom he m. May 3, 1817, and d. Nov. 13, 1838, aged 76. Child, *Dennis Goodenow*, b. June 15, 1819, and m. Caroline, D. of Luke Harrington.

TEMPLE, ETHAN (s. of the preceding) m. Catharine, D. of Stephen Johnson, in 1821. Chil. *Nancy Maria*, b. Nov. 26, 1822; and *Otis Albert*, June 12, 1826.

TEMPLE, JONAS (bro. of Ethan) m. Relief, D. of Calvin Sawyer, Dec. 4, 1817. Chil. *Luther*, and *Eliza Ellery*.

TEMPLE, JOSEPH (bro. of Ethan) m. Ruth Parker, D. of Calvin Sawyer, April 29, 1828, and lives on the homestead. Chil. *Lucy Maria*, b. June 14, 1829; *Franklin Sawyer*, June 13, 1834; *Elizabeth Submit*, May 31, 1838.

TEMPLE, AARON (s. of Joseph) m. Lydia Gleason of Holden; where he lived a few years, and then removed to Gardner, and d. there. Chil. *Lydia*, who m. Maj. Cutler Pond of Franklin; *Mary*, who m. Josiah Bartlett of Southboro'; *Judith*, who m. John Haven of Holliston; *Jason*, who m. Hannah Bacon of Framingham; *Alice*, who m. Dr. Levi Rawson of Graf-

ton, in 1826; *Rebecca*, who m. Elihu Cutler of Holliston; *Anna*, who m. Alden Leland of Holliston.

TAINTOR, (Tayntor,) JOHN, b. 1716, (s. of Joseph and Thankful of Marlboro', and sup. g. s. of Benjamin and Mary, who were living in Sudbury, in 1691, a descendant of Joseph of Watertown, who shared in the division of Sudbury meadows in 1638) m. Sarah Newton, of and in Marlboro', May 20, 1741. They were ad. to this chh. in 1742, and dis. to the chh. in Woodstock, Ct., in 1751. Chil. as on record here, *Miriam*, b. March 11, 1742; *Allbovin*, on the *town*, and *Allovin*, on the *chh.* record, a son, b. July 29, 1743; *Joseph*, Jan. 17, 1745; *William*, Sept. 17, 1746; *Jedediah*, July 14, 1748.

TAYNTOR, BENJAMIN (bro. of John) b. 1733, m. Sarah Brigham of and in Marlboro', June 4, 1755, and had *Sarah*, b. March 12, 1756, who m. Ebenezer Rice, bro. of the late Elijah Rice of this town; *Miriam*, April 28, 1758; *Anna Sophia*, June 19, 1760, who m. Cyrus Kingsbury of Worcester, in 1786; the two first were bap. here, in 1759.

TOWNSEND, JOSHUA whose wife was Mary, was probably from Northboro'. He was living in the N. P., on house lot No. 43, in 1762. Chil. *Reuben*, b. Aug. 23, 1758; *Mary*, April 14, 1762; *Zipporah*, June 24, 1764; *Lucy*, Feb. 19, 1769; *Achsah*, July 27, 1772; *Ruth*, Oct. 28, 1774.

Priscilla Townsend m. Caleb Kendall, Dec. 8, 1773.

Hannah Townsend m. Richard Murphy of Rutland, in 1774.

Zilpah Townsend was pub. to Jonas Rice of Ashburnham, May 10, 1779.

TOWNSEND, TIMOTHY and his wife, her name is not on record here, were from Hopkinton, and came here about 1812, and, a few years after, returned there. Their D. *Pamelia*, m. Dana Munroe, in 1814; and *Fanny*, Emery Harrington, in 1813.

THOMAS, ODOARDO (s. of William Thomas and Lydia Eager of Marlboro', m. June 19, 1721) b. in 1731, m. Hannah Morse, July 21, 1757. They were both then called of this town. Their s. *John*, was bap. here, July 9, 1758; *Lydia*, bap. Feb. 24, 1760; *Eber*, bap. Dec. 13, 1761; *Joseph*, bap. March 20, 1763.

TOMLIN,* ISAAC (s. of Isaac, Jun. of Westboro') b. in 1732, m. Lois, D. of Israel Allen, June 7, 1757, and had *John*, b. in Westboro', March 16, 1758, and bap. here May 21 of that year. The parents resided here a short time, and then removed to Spencer.

Their s. John, as sup. m. Abigail Eames, Jan. 31, 1782.

TUCKER, JEDEDIAH, and his wife, Joanna, were probably from Dedham, and came here with a family of chil. about 1755. The following are sup. to have been his chil., and to have come here with their parents: The six first named, have not their births recorded here, and perhaps they were not in this order. *Jedediah; Joanna*, who m. Nathan Wait of Leicester, April 25, 1765; *Cloe*, who m. Joel Green of Leicester, Sept. 24, 1761; *Jemima*, who m. Daniel Holden, Aug. 20, 1766; *Mary*, who m. Jacob Kent of Leicester, May 23, 1773; *Olive*, who m. Samuel Wakefield, Feb. 8, 1776; *Daniel*, b. Nov. 9, and bap. here, Nov. 21, 1756. Their mother d. here, Jan. 14, 1759, aged 44.

* Isaac Tomlin of Brookfield, and Mary *Wait* of Marlboro', were m. in Marlboro', Dec. 10, 1696, and had Isaac, b. there, in 1697, and Hezekiah, in 1700, who lived on Tomlin hill, since so called, then within the limits of Westboro', and adjoining Shrewsbury, and d. in 1749. Their father, Deac. Isaac d. in Westboro', June 24. 1745; he lived on the farm of the late Deac. Isaac Davis; his wife Mary, is sup. to have d. Nov. 16, 1725.

Isaac Tomlin, Jun., m. Martha Newton in Marlboro', Sept. 29, 1721; she was then called of Shrewsbury; she d. in Westboro', Jan 21, 1722, aged 24. He m. Jemima Weeks in and of Marlboro', May 19, 1730, and d. in Westboro', in 1739, leaving sons, *Isaac*, b. in 1732, and John, in 1734. This name is written variously—Tomlin, Tomblin, and Tombolin.

He m. Elizabeth Lynde, a wid. of Worcester, in 1761; and in 1767, he was ad. to this chh. from that in Dedham, and his wife, Elizabeth, at the same time from the chh. in Worcester.* She d. Aug. 5, 1790.

He next m. Hannah, wid. of Ephraim Smith, Nov. 16, 1790; "*his* age, 78, *her* age 77."—*Marriage Rec.* She d. Feb. 13, 1796, aged 82.

He was published to Elizabeth Coolidge of Northboro', in Sept. 1796, and m. her there. "*Strange, that desire should so long outlive performance.*" He removed to Boylston, and lived with his g. s., Jedediah, and d. there, at the age of nearly one hundred years.

Elizabeth Tucker, who d. here, Nov. 6, 1823, aged 82, was probably his wid.

TUCKER, JEDEDIAH, Jun. (s. of the preceding) m. Lucy, D. of Maj. Joseph Mixer, Oct. 4, 1763, and lived on the homestead adjoining the place of the late Ephraim Hapgood. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 18, 1763, and sup. m. Solomon Fessenden of Halifax, Vt., Jan. 17, 1786; *Lucy*, Oct. 13, 1765, and m. Stephen Pratt, Sept. 8, 1783; *Joanna*, Oct. 27, 1767, and sup. m. Ashur Smith, in 1791; in the marriage record she is called *Anna*; there is no record of an Anna Tucker, among the births here; *Jedediah*, Dec. 17, 1769; *Daniel*, May 18, 1772, and pub. to Sarah Harris, of this town, Dec. 9, 1791; *Caleb*, Oct. 15, 1774, and m. Catharine, D. sup. of Silvanus Billings of Northboro', in 1797; *Mary*, March 13, 1776, and m. Stephen Oliver, in 1798; *Sarah*, June 16, 1779, and m. Oliver Chickering, in 1799; *Lydia*, bap. May 19, 1782, and m. John Tenny of Northboro', in 1803. The death of his wife, Lucy, is not on record here.

* In 1765, "Jedediah Tucker and Jonathan Wheelock were chosen by the chh. to set the psalm in public worship. First Sabbath in March, 1791, began to sing Dr. Watts' version of Psalms and Hymns."—*Chh. Record.*

Tate and Brady's was reluctantly given up.

He m. Elizabeth Goulding, wid. of Abel, March 9, 1824. She d. Aug. 24, 1825, aged 76, and he, Dec. 3, 1827, aged 83.

TUCKER, DANIEL (s. of Jedediah, Sen.) m. Rachel, D. of Samuel Noyes, March 11, 1777. She d. Sept. 28, 1834, aged 77½. No record here of his death. Chil. *Joanna*, b. June 20, 1778, and m. Vashni Pratt, in 1798; *Noyes*, Feb. 27, 1781; *Silence*, April 9, 1785, and m. Simei Whitney of New Marlboro', Vt.; *Eddy*, Sept. 27, 1787; *Erastus*, Oct. 13, 1793, and m. Mary Gates of Worcester, in 1819.

TUCKER, JEDEDIAH, (s. of Jedediah, Jun.) m. Sarah, D. of Benjamin Baker, Feb. 19, 1797. Child, *Benjamin Baker*, b. July 18, 1797. Removed to Boylston.

TUCKER, NOYES (s. of Daniel and Rachel) m. here, Lydia, D. of Barna Bigelow of Brookfield, Vt., May 26, 1805. Child, *Hannah*, b. Jan. 10, 1806. He removed to Bridport, Vt., where he was killed by the fall of a tree.

TUCKER, EDDY (bro. of the preceding) m. Elizabeth Carpenter of Brattleboro', Vt., in 1813. They were ad. to this chh. in 1823; he soon after withdrew from it, and joined the Baptists. Chil. *Mary Elmira*, b. April 3, 1817, and m. Rufus E. Goodenow; *Dexter Mills*, Aug. 24, 1819; *William Otis*, Jan. 20, 1822; *Benjamin Eddy*, May 13, 1826.

TUCKER, BENJAMIN B. (s. of Jedediah, who settled in Boylston) whose wife was Eliza M., had *Eliza Ann*, b. May 15, 1821; *Charles S.* Oct. 12, 1823; *Alfred*, May 29, 1825; *Smith*, March 8, 1828; *Martin T.*, April 15, 1830; all probably in Boylston; *Laura*, here, Feb. 6, 1835; *Joseph*, March 8, 1837; *Jane*, Nov. 23, 1839; and *John*, June 9, 1841.

TOWER, JOSEPH, whose wife was Hepzibah, had *Laurana*, b. June 24, 1763.

THURSTON, JONATHAN m. Lois, D. of Cyrus Wheeler, May 5, 1773, and had *Luther*, b. Oct. 13, 1775.

TOMBS, DANIEL, whose wife was Lydia, had *Lewis*, b. Sept. 1, 1775; no record here of publishment or marriage. He was pub. to Catharine Graves, in 1773. See Crispus Graves.

TAFT, JOHN m. Eunice, D. of Aaron Smith, Aug. 27, 1795; he was then called of Northboro'. He d. here, Aug. 6, 1822, aged 51. Chil. (births not on record here) *Elizabeth*, who m. a Barber, and next, a Wilson, and d. a wid. at Lechmere's Point, Cambridge, about 1834; *Henry*, who went to Long Island, N. Y., m. and settled there.

Eunice, the wid. of John Taft, soon after his death, removed to Lechmere's Point, where a s. of her's d. a few years before her death, which occurred in 1830.

TEAD, NATHANIEL, whose wife was Sarah, lived a few years on the place, that was formerly Daniel Holden's, and where John Mason, Jun., afterwards lived. Chil. *Georgiana*, b. Oct. 20, 1825; *Mary Henrietta*, June 29, 1829. Removed to Worcester.

UNDERWOOD,* TIMOTHY m. Mary, D. of Jonathan Adams, in 1791, and lived a few years on the homestead with her father, and afterwards where Samuel Whitney now lives, and from there he removed to Northboro', where he d. about 1828, his age not far from 70. Chil. as on record here, *Elizabeth Noyes*, b. June 1, 1792, and m. ——— Maynard of Northboro'; *Persis Baker*, Oct 27, 1793; *Mary Buckly*, Dec. 5, 1795; *Hannah*, April 30, 1797, and d. infant; *Hannah*, Feb. 20, 1799, and m. Wareham D. Rand.

* He was probably a descendant of William Underwood, who was in Concord in 1639, and had a D. Remembrance, b. there in that year, who m. Josiah Richardson, in 1659. He removed to Chelmsford, probably that part now Westford, where he had Samuel, b. in 1655, and others, and where some of his descendants were living at a late period. The immediate ancestor of Timothy Underwood is unknown. He may have been the s. of Timothy Underwood, who m. Susannah Bond in Sudbury, in 1753.

In 1787, he was paying his addresses to Elizabeth Noyes, D. of Daniel; they were expecting soon to be married, when her health declined, and consumption

marked her for its own. He watched at her bed side day and night, without intermission; all importunities to have him seek some rest, were unavailing. She died. A kind of lethargy, produced by long lost sleep, came upon him, and continued through life.

He followed teaming many years to Providence, Boston, thence into N. H., as far as Hanover—much of the time asleep, sometimes, on his load, at others, on the pole of his wagon, behind his horses, and at other times, while walking by the side of his team; yet it is not known, that, under these circumstances, he ever received any injury. He would fall asleep while counting money, and in a few moments rouse up and proceed from where he had *seemingly* left off; the larger the amount, the oftener this would happen; yet he made no mistakes. His memory was remarkably good. He will long be remembered on his teaming route, and here, as *"sleepy Underwood;"* a designation first given him by those, who knew him least, and least of all, the cause of his lethargy.

He was a worthy and industrious man, of extensive dealing, and good bodily health. His case was a singular one. He called his first child, *Elizabeth Noyes*, and by that name it was baptized here.

VILAS, SAMUEL W., a Bap. clergyman, was here a short time, and while residing here, in 1822, m. Almira Fitch of Leominster.

WARD, Col. NAHUM (s. of William* and Hannah of

* William Ward, b. in Sudbury, in 1640, d. in Marlboro', in 1697. His wife was Hannah, wid. of Gershom Eames, and D. sup. of Solomon Johnson of Sudbury, and b. in 1656. Eames d. in 1676, leaving Hannah, a wid., then 20 years of age, and two daughters, Hannah and Mary. The latter became the wife of the *"famous"* Maj John Keyes.

The chil. of William and Hannah Ward were, *William*, b. in 1680, afterwards of Southboro'; *Nahum*, in 1684, and settled in Shrewsbury; *Elisha*, in 1686, and was killed or carried into captivity by the Indians, Aug. 1708, while riding express from Marlboro' to Hadley; *Gershom*, who was Rep. in 1738, and d. in Marlboro', unm., in 1739; and *Bethiah*, who m. Elnathan, s. of Thomas Brigham of Marlboro', prior to 1706. They removed to Mansfield, Ct., before 1739.

William Ward (father of William, b. in 1640) with a 2d wife, Elizabeth, and several chil. that came with him from Yorkshire, or Derbyshire, England, settled in Sudbury, and had lands assigned to him there, on the 18. 9. 1640; made freeman in 1643, and was Rep. in 1644. He, with 12 others belonging to Sudbury, petitioned the General Court, in 1656, for a grant of the township of Marlboro'.

Sudbury then embraced within its limits, what is now Wayland, and probably that part of Framingham, now Saxonville, and although its population in 1656 is not known, it may safely be presumed the number of families did not exceed 75. In that petition they say, "whereas your petitioners have lived divers years in Sudbury, and God hath been pleased to increase our children, which are now, divers of them grown to man's estate, and we, many of us, grown into years, so that we should be glad to see them settled, before the Lord take us away from hence; also, God

having given us some considerable cattle, so that, we are so *straightened*, that we cannot so comfortably subsist as could be desired; and some of us having taken some pains to view the country, we have found a place, which lyeth to the Westward about eight miles from Sudbury, which we conceive might be comfortable for our subsistence," &c.

To us, now on the stage, it would seem they were "*straightened*" for want of *neighbors*, more than for want of *room*.

Their request was granted, "provided it hinders no former grant, and there be a town settled there with twenty or more families within three years," &c. In 1660, it was incorporated by the name of Marlboro', and in that year William Ward removed there, from Sudbury, and was one of the first Deacons of the chh. in that place; the Rev. William Brimsmead from Dorchester, being settled there in the ministry, having not long before arrived from England. Dea. William Ward d. in Marlboro', Aug. 10, 1687, his age, as near as now can be ascertained, was 87. His wid. Elizabeth, d. there, Dec. 9, 1700, in her 87th year.

His will is dated April 26, 1686. Chil. (no record of the births of those, that came from England, is known to exist in this country,) *John*, b. about 1626, settled in Newton, and m. Hannah, D. of Edward Jackson, about 1650, and d. there, in 1708, aged 82; *Joanna*, b. about 1628, m. Abraham Williams, one of the first settlers of Marlboro', and d. there, his wid., Dec. 3, 1718, aged 90; *Hannah*, who m. Abraham Howe, of Watertown, in 1657; *Deborah*, who m. John Johnson of Sudbury, in 1657, and d. in 1697; *Mary*, who m. Daniel Stone of Sudbury, in 1667, and d. in 1703; *Obediah*, who settled in Marlboro', and d. there, in 1718; *Richard*, who m. Mary Moore, in 1661, and was drowned in Sudbury river, in 1666, his wid. Mary, m. Daniel Howe of Sudbury, in 1677; *William*, b. in Sudbury, in 1640, and m. Hannah Eames, as before mentioned; *Samuel*, b. in 1641, settled in Marlboro'; his wife, Sarah, d. in 1707; his 2d wife, Elizabeth, whom he m. in 1711, survived him, he d. in 1729, aged 88; *Elizabeth*, b. in 1643; *Increase*, b. in 1644, settled in Marlboro' and d. there, in 1690; his wife was Record ———, his s., Thomas, lived on the place, since belonging to Asaph Rice of and in Northboro'; another s., Oliver, whose wife was Hannah Brigham, lived North of Cold Harbor meadows, in Northboro'; *Hopestill*, b. in 1646; and *Eleazer*, who m. Hannah, D. of Deac. Caleb Rice of Marlboro', in 1675, and was killed by the Indians upon the road between Marlboro' and Sudbury, in April, 1676; his wid., Hannah, m. Richard Taylor of Sudbury, in 1677.

Of the descendants of the first William Ward, their marriages, when, and with whom, their places of residence, deaths, children's names, &c., I have a very full account, and, at some future day, may put it to the press; not that it will interest the public in general, however much its perusal may those, who have descended from him, and are now scattered abroad throughout the land.

Marlboro') b. 1684, m. Martha, D. of Daniel Howe and Elizabeth Kerly of Marlboro', July 6, 1714, in Boston; the record of their marriage is in the latter place, and may not be correct as to the year of their marriage. He is sup. to have lived in Boston a short time before he settled here. He was one of the proprietors of this township, and had house lot No. 8, granted to him in

1718, but was living here, as sup., before that period, and near where Jonas Stone now lives. He was one of the 16 founders of this chh. to which his wife Martha, was ad. in 1727. He was the first Rep. to the General Court from this town. When he removed to what has since been known as the Baldwin Place, is unknown. In 1745, he was appointed a Justice of the C. C. Pleas, for the Co. of Worcester, in which office he d. May 7, 1754, aged 70; his wid. Martha, d. July 1, 1755, aged 68. Chil. *Nahum*, b. according to the record here, March 29, 1713, probably in Boston, or Marlboro'; *Benjamin*, in Marlboro', April 19, 1716, so recorded there and here, and d. here, April 22, 1717; his is the earliest death on the town records; *Persis*, April 11, 1718, and m. Bezaleel Eager of Westboro', that part since Northboro', Feb. 22, 1735; he lived on the farm afterwards belonging to his g. s. the late Col. William Eager of Northboro'; they had Francis, b. 1738; Nahum, 1739; Eber, 1742; Persis, 1744, d. 1746; Persis, 1747; Ward, 1750; Oliver, 1753, d. 1756; Martha, 1756, d. infant; Oliver, 1758. As several of their first chil. were bap. in this chh., the parents probably attended public worship here. *Ithamar*, Dec. 28, 1721, and returning from sea, d. unm. on Governor's Island, Boston Harbor, of small pox, previous to the death of his father; *Martha*, Dec. 19, 1724, and lived many years with her nephew, Francis Eager of Northboro', where she d. unm. July 2, 1794, but buried here; *Artemas*, Nov. 27, 1727; *Elisha*, Aug. 30, 1733.

WARD, NAHUM (s. of Col. Nahum) m. Lydia Stearns, in Boston, according to the record there, July 29, 1731. His age was but 18 at that time, if b. in 1713; where the error is, if any, is past finding out. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits, went to the Island of Jamaica, and d. there, in Nov. 1738, as appears of record in the Probate office, in Boston, leaving in Boston, besides his wife, Lydia, two daughters, *Lydia* and *Lucretia*. Lydia m. John Chandler of Petersham, April 11, 1766, father of John, late of Petersham, and of Nathaniel, of Lancaster; Lucretia m. Dr. Joshua Willard of Petersham, Jan. 1, 1757; they were the parents of 11 chil., of whom, Samuel m.

Lucinda Knowlton, in 1791, and Sophia, Calvin Knowlton, Esq. of Newfane, Vt., in 1792, chil. of Luke, s. of Deac. Ezekiel Knowlton of this town; Elizabeth, sister of Sophia, m. Reuben Atwater of Westminster, Vt., in 1792, and her sister, Lucy, Maj. Samuel B. Sheldon of Vt., in 1794.

WARD, ELISHA (s. of Col. Nahum) although younger than Artemas, is placed here, rather than break the long descending line of Artemas, or postpone Elisha to the end of it. He m. Mary, D. of Henry Baldwin, April 7, 1763, and removed to Petersham, in 1764, where he d. Dec. 9, 1802, in his 70th year, and his wid., Mary, Feb. 23, 1811, in her 68th year. Chil. *Nahum*, b. June 4, 1764, m. Deborah Gleason of Petersham, June 3, 1792, and d. Oct. 5, 1812; *William*, June 8, 1767; *Henry*, May 12, 1770.

WARD, WILLIAM (s. of Elisha,) m. Susannah Sanderson of Petersham, and d. Dec. 10, 1827, aged 60. Chil. *Mary J.*, b. March 30, 1797; *Elisha*, Jan. 30, 1801; *Lucretia*, Jan. 18, 1804; *Harriet*, Dec. 13, 1805, and d. March 9, 1836; *Jonathan*, May 5, 1807.

WARD, HENRY, Esq. (s. of Elisha) m. Mary Sanderson of Petersham, in 1807. Chil. *Henry Baldwin*, b. May 23, 1808; *John Sanderson*, March 29, 1810; *Eliza*, March 8, 1812; *Susan*, Jan. 15, 1814, and d. infant; *Susan*, *William*, and *Mary*. Removed from Petersham to Montague.

WARD, ARTEMAS, Major General* (s. of Col. Nahum) grad. H. C., 1748, m. Sarah, D. of Rev. Caleb Trobridge†

* A brief biography of him may be found in the appendix, letter (A.)

† Caleb, b. 1692, was the s. and youngest of 14 chil., by two wives, of Deac. James Trobridge of Newton, who removed there from Dorchester, where he first m. in 1659. Caleb m. Sarah Oliver, in 1715, and Hannah, the mother of his children, in 1717, D. of the Rev. Nehemiah Walter of Roxbury; whose wife was Sarah, D. of the Rev. Increase Mather, D. D. of Boston, whose wife was Maria, D. of the Rev. John Cotton of Boston, s. of Roland Cotton, aad b. in 1585, and came from England to Boston, in 1633, and d. in 1652.

of Groton, July 31, 1750. They were ad. to this chh. in 1751; he studied no profession; lived and kept a store in the house, the first in which the Rev. Mr. Sumner lived after his settlement here, and where most of his children were b.; about 1763, he removed to the place now of Thomas W. Ward, Esq., where he d. Oct. 27, 1800, aged 73; and his wife, Sarah, Dec. 13, 1788, aged 63. Chil. *Ithamar*, b. April 24, 1752; *Nahum*, Aug. 12, 1754, and d. a Captain in the Continental service, in Boston, unm. March 7, 1778; *Sarah*, July 28, 1756, and m. Hon. Elijah Brigham of Westboro', Dec., 16 1792, and d. there, Feb. 3, 1838, aged 81; Judge Brigham d. at Washington, Mem. Con., Feb. 22, 1816, aged 64; [they had Ann Maria, b. July 14, 1794, and m. Ebenezer M. Phillips of Westboro', Oct. 12, 1818; Sarah Sophronia, Dec. 22, 1795, and d. Dec. 3, 1810; Dana Ward, March 9, 1797, and d. Nov. 23, 1830; Susanna Walter, May 4, 1798, and d. Dec. 24, 1825; Catharine Martha, Jan. 21, 1801, and m. George H. Lowe;] *Thomas Walter*, Aug. 10, 1758; *Martha*, March 28, 1764, and d. unm. July 25, 1781; *Artemas*, Jan. 9, 1762, *Maria*, Dec. 12, 1764, and m. Dr. Ebenezer Tracy of Middletown, Ct., Jan. 14, 1790, where she d. Oct. 6, 1833; [their chil. were Maria Ward, Sarah, Jane, Martha, Eliza, Henry Dana, Samuel Franklin, Julia, and Emily;] *Henry Dana*, Feb. 6, 1768.

WARD, ITHAMAR, Esq. (s. of Gen. Artemas) m. Phebe, D. of Stephen Parker, Dec. 7, 1778, and removed to Gerry, now Phillipston, where his wife, Phebe, d. June 6, 1789, aged 34. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. July 12, 1779, and m. Nathaniel White, in 1800; *Nahum*, April 27, 1781, m. Dinah Rich, in 1807, and d. in 1838; *Walter*, April 10, 1783, m. Mary Stratton, in 1810, and removed about 1835, to Marietta, Ohio.

Ithamar Ward m. Anna Powers, in 1790; she d. Dec. 21, 1794. Chil. *Phebe*, b. June 27, 1791, and m. Thacher Rich, in 1817; and *Benjamin*, Jan. 25, 1793, who settled in Rindge, N. H., in the practice of the law, m. and d. there, Feb. 1828.

The 3d wife of Ithamar Ward was Sarah Parker, whom he m. Jan. 27, 1796; he was Rep. in 1806, and d. July 2, 1828, aged

76, and his wid., Sarah, Aug. 31, 1841, aged 77. Chil. *Anna*, b. Sept. 1, 1797; *Artemas*, Aug. 7, 1800; *Sarah*, Jan. 16, 1802; and *Trobridge*, Sept. 4, 1806.

WARD, THOMAS W., Esq. (bro. of the preceding) m. Elizabeth, b. March 1, 1760, D. of Col. Samuel Denny of Leicester, Nov. 28, 1782; appointed Sheriff of the County of Worcester, in 1805, resigned in 1824, and d. Aug. 20, 1835, aged 77; he often expressed his great satisfaction, that in all that time, he never had occasion to take the life of a fellow being in execution of the laws of this Commonwealth; a duty, that devolved upon his successor immediately after his appointment. His wid., Elizabeth, d. Nov. 18, 1846, in her 87th year. Chil. *Andrew Henshaw*, b. May 26, 1784; *Nahum*, Oct. 25, 1785; *Harriet*, Oct. 6, 1787, and m. William Williams of Pomfret, Ct. in 1817; *Joseph*, Aug. 18, 1789, and d. unm. Oct. 2, 1821; *Artemas*, March 21, 1791, and d. unm. Dec. 31, 1816; *Elizabeth Denny*, Sept. 25, 1793, and m. Nathan Baldwin, in 1817; *Henry Dana*, Jan. 13, 1797; *Thomas Walter*, Nov. 27, 1798; *Sarah Henshaw*, Nov. 3, 1800, and m. Benjamin Perkins Putnam, Esq. of Marietta, Ohio, Oct. 3, 1824, where he d. Jan. 2, 1825; aged 25; *Caroline*, Jan. 28, 1802, and m. Benjamin Perkins Dix of Groton, Dec. 30, 1830; their chil. are Benjamin Ward, Sarah Elizabeth, Henry Dana, and Alfred Perkins.

WARD, Hon. ARTEMAS (bro. of the preceding) grad. H. U., 1783, m. Catharine Maria, D. of Hon. Samuel Dexter,* and settled in Weston, in the practice of the law, which town he represented in the General Court. After some years, he removed to Charlestown, and was several years a member of the Executive Council; thence to Boston, where he was elected and re-elected a member of Congress, and subsequently appointed Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, throughout the State. His wife, Catharine Maria, d. in Boston, March 11,

*He was the s. of the Rev. Samuel Dexter of Dedham, who was a grad. H. U., 1720, and ordained to the ministry there, in May, 1724, and d. Jan. 29, 1755.

1818, aged 57. He yet survives. Chil. *Samuel Dexter*; *Catharine Maria*, who m. Samuel B. Barrell, Nov. 16, 1824; *Frances Fidelia*, who m. the Rev. Aivan Lamson, D. D., of Dedham, July 25, 1825; *Henry Artemas*; *John* and *Charles Trobridge*.

WARD, Hon. HENRY D. (bro. of the preceding) grad. H. U., 1791, settled in the practice of the law at Columbia, S. C., and m. Maria Eliza Smith of Camden, July 17, 1798. He survived a 2d wife, and d. at Middletown, Ct., Aug. 20, 1817, aged 49, leaving one child, *Henry Dana Artemas*, who, a grad. of Y. C., m. his cousin, Eliza Tracy of Middletown, and d. in S. C., leaving one child, *Henry Dana Artemas*, recently a grad. of Y. C.

WARD, ANDREW H., Esq. (s. of Thomas W.) grad. H. U., 1808, m. Sarah, D. of David Henshaw, Esq. of Leicester, in 1809, settled here, in the practice of the law, in 1811; they were ad. to this chh. in 1812, and in May, 1829, removed to Boston, and thence, in April, 1842, to Newton. Chil. *Sarah Ann Henshaw*, b. Sept. 28, 1809, and m. Francis Sumner Carruth of Boston, July 7, 1831; [their chil. were, Francis Ward, b. Aug. 4, 1832, and d. Aug. 6, 1833; Francis Ward, July 2, 1834, and d. Oct. 1835; Sarah Henshaw, Nov. 12, 1836; Andrew, Oct. 30, 1838, and d. Feb. 11, 1839; William Ward, April 8, 1840; Antoinette Hale, Nov. 1, 1842; Emily Frances and Frances Emily, Feb. 28, 1845;] *William*, July 16, 1812; *Joseph Walter*, July 2, 1814; *John Tucker*, June 4, 1816, and d. in Boston, Nov. 2, 1840; *Eliza Maria Antoinette*, Feb. 8, 1818, d. Oct. 16, 1821; *Frances Caroline Augusta*, Feb. 2, 1820, and d. Oct. 23, 1821; *Frances Antoinette Elizabeth*, April 19, 1822, and m. Joseph Lewis Danforth of Louisville, Kentucky, [grad. H. U., 1839,] May 12, 1845. Child, Florence Ward, b. April 26, 1846; *Andrew Henshaw*, Jan. 28, 1824; *David Henshaw*, June 23, 1830.

WARD, NAHUM, Esq. (bro. of the preceding) removed to Marietta, Ohio, in 1811, since Mayor of that city, and there

m. Sarah Catharine, D. of William Skinner, Esq., Dec. 3, 1817. She d. there, Aug. 4, 1814. Chil. *Sarah Catharine*, b. March 18, 1819; *Ann Maria Skinner*, Sept. 30, 1820, and d. Aug. 11, 1839, aged 19; *William Skinner*, Feb. 12, 1822; *Mary Elizabeth*, Jan. 12, 1824; *George Washington Lafayette*, Sept. 29, 1825, and d. Aug. 27, 1826; *Harriet Caroline*, Nov. 6, 1826; and *Henrietta Dana*, March 31, 1830.

WARD, Rev. HENRY DANA (bro. of the preceding) grad. H. U., 1816, m. in New York, Abigail Porter, D. of Samuel Jones, Esq. of Lebanon Springs. She d. in New York, Dec. 23, 1837; no issue. In June, 1842, he m. in Virginia, Charlotte, D. of Richard Golbraith, Esq. of Dublin, in Ireland, and settled, an Episcopal clergyman, in Portsmouth, Kenhawa Co. Va. in 1845. Chil. *Henry Dana Artemas*, b. March 9, 1843; and *Charlotte Elizabeth*, Dec. 6, 1845.

WARD, THOMAS W. Esq. (bro. of the preceding) m. Harriet P. Grosvenor of Pomfret, Ct., April 6, 1825, and lives on the homestead. Chil. *Samuel Denny*, b. April 3, 1826; *Artemas*, July 16, 1828, and d. Oct. 29, 1833; *Charles Grosvenor*, Dec. 30, 1829; *Ellen Grosvenor*, Jan. 18, 1832; *Thomas Walter*, July 6, 1834; *Elizabeth*, Dec. 18, 1840; *Harriet*, June 27, 1843.

WARD, WILLIAM (s. of Andrew H.) m. Mary Leffingwell, D. of Joshua, and g. D. of David Henshaw, Esq., of Leicester, Sept. 10, 1838. Chil. *Elizabeth*, b. July 15, 1839, and d. infant; *William Leffingwell*, June 28, 1841; *Florence*, Aug. 11, 1843, and d. Dec. 20, 1844; *Florence*, March 8, 1847.

WARD, JOSEPH W. (bro. of the preceding) m. Catharine Mary, D. of Benjamin B. Appleton, Esq. of Boston, June 22, 1841. Chil. *John Tucker*, b. July 29, 1842; *Catharine Appleton*, May 12, 1844; *Joseph Walter*, May 26, 1847.

WARD, JONAS from Worcester, (s. sup. of Richard Ward and Lydia Wheelock, who were m. in Sudbury, Jan. 1, 1719, and settled in Worcester. Richard was s. of Obediah, of Sudbury, who m. Joanna Harrington of Watertown, Dec. 20, 1693, and g. s. of Richard Ward, who was drowned in Sud. river, in 1666.) b. Jan. 1, 1720, m. Abigail, D. of John Child of Newton, and came here with a family before 1758, and settled in the N. P. Chil. as recorded in Worcester, *John*, b. July 13, 1744, and d. infant; *John*, June 10, 1746; *Abigail*, June 10, 1748.

In 1751, he appears to have had a 2d wife, Elizabeth, and chil. b. there as follows: *Elizabeth* and *Catharine*, July 9, 1751; the former d. infant, the latter, and called of this town, m. Thomas Clark of Worcester, in 1774; *Dolly*, Aug. 1, 1755.

His first appearance on the records here, was in 1759, with a wife, *Abigail*, sup. his 3d wife. Their chil., as on record here, were *Rufus*, b. Jan. 6, 1759; *Thaddeus*, Sept. 22, 1761; *Lucretia*, Aug. 16, 1764. There is no record here of the death of his wife, Abigail. He next m. Sarah Draper of Worcester, in 1768. Their chil. as recorded here were, *Daniel*, b. Sept. 14, 1769; *Sarah*, June 19, 1771, and d. infant; *Sarah*, March 21, 1774.

WARD, JONAS, Jun. (perhaps s. of the preceding) m. Levinah, D. of Joseph Glazier, in 1770, and lived in the N. P. Chil. *Annis*, b. Aug. 13, 1770; and *Eunice Glazier*, Sept. 8, 1772.

A John Ward, called of this town, perhaps s. of Jonas, Sen. was pub. to Mindwell Harrington of Worcester, in 1774.

WHEELOCK, Deac. SAMUEL, whose wife was Lydia, came here from Marlboro', before 1720; most of his chil. also came here with him. He was one of the founders, and one of the first Deacons of this chh., to which his wife, Lydia, was ad. in 1724. He was living on house lot, No. 26, in 1729. His chil. as recorded in Marlboro', were *Samuel*, b. in 1696; *Martha*, 1698, and here m. Ephraim Pratt, in 1724, who d. in Shutesbury, at

the age of 116 years; *Elizabeth*, in 1700, and m. Israel Allen, in 1728; *Hannah*, in 1701; *Tamar*, in 1704, and here m. Ebenezer Keyes, in 1726; *Mary*, in 1706, and here m. Eli Keyes, in 1734; *Daniel*, in 1708; *Lois*, in 1710, and here m. Cyrus Wheeler, in 1746; *Rachel*, in 1714, and perhaps m. Daniel Willard of Worcester, March 2, 1743. He also had *Gershom*, but, as he is not on the Marlboro' record, he may have been b. elsewhere, before the parents settled there.

A Samuel Wheelock d. here, according to the record, April 8, 1756; his age not stated, nor is he called *Deacon*. The late Deac. Gershom Wheelock, informed me, that "Deac. Samuel Wheelock attained to a good old age, and that he believed he d. in this town." The death of his wife, Lydia, is not on record here.

WHEELOCK, * Capt. GERSHOM, (s. of Deac. Samuel) m. Abigail Flagg of and in Marlboro', Jan. 1, 1719. She was ad. to this chh. in 1728, and d. Oct. 17, 1762, aged 69. Chil. *Abigail*, b. Jan. 23, 1721, and m. Daniel Potter of Brookfield, (previously of this town) Oct. 14, 1745, where she d. in 1805, aged 84; *Patience*, Feb. 13, 1723; *David*, Sept. 14, 1724; *Gershom*, March 8, 1725; *Jonathan*, Sept. 18, 1727; *Gideon*, March 5, 1729, and d. young; *Grace*, July 7, 1730, and sup. d. young.

* He is said to have been the first of the family, who settled here, if not the first settler in this town. He erected a house between where the houses now are of Joseph Nurse and the late Daniel Maynard, and on the same side of the road. There he made improvements and spent one winter alone. He is said to have been of a cheerful disposition, and, that while here solitary and alone, he slept aloft in his log house, drawing the ladder up after him at night, and whistling a tune in the morning before leaving his bed.

His father with his family moved there, from Marlboro', the next spring, and, being owner of the land, *he* was accounted the first settler. Having been burnt out there, they removed to house lot, No. 26; of which he received soon after a deed of gift from his father, bearing date in 1720.

He was one of the four first appointed sergeants in the military company when first organized in this town. He was afterwards Ensign, Lieutenant, and in 1742, commissioned a Captain in the Regiment commanded by Col. Nahum Ward.

He next m. Elizabeth, the wid. of Daniel Rice, May 19, 1764, and d. March 16, 1770, aged 77.

WHEELOCK, DAVID (s. of Capt. Gershom) whose wife was Phebe, had *Submit*, b. Jan. 2, 1751, and d. infant; *Gideon*, May 29, 1752; *Aaron*, Jan. 30, 1756, and d. in 1758; *Jacob*, Nov. 21, 1757, and d. infant. Removed to Hardwick, where he d. in 1804, aged 80.

WHEELOCK, GERSHOM, Jr. (bro. of the preceding) m. Susannah, D. of Deac. Ezekiel Knowlton, March 15, 1757, and lived on the homestead. They were ad. to this chh. in 1758. He d. Jan. 1, 1806, aged 80, and his wid. Susanna, Jan. 14, 1814, aged 78. Chil. *Asa*, b. June 10, 1758; *Gershom*, Feb. 7, 1761; *Susanna*, Nov. 17, 1762, and m. Barlow Carpenter of Wardsboro', Vt., Feb. 6, 1803; *Abigail*, Sept. 30, 1765, and m. Daniel Harris of Wardsboro', Feb. 24, 1788; *Elizabeth*, Feb. 6, 1769, and m. Capt. John Rice, in 1790; *Martha*, April 25, 1772, and d. unm. Aug. 28, 1840; *Alice*, June 9, 1777, and d. in 1778.

WHEELOCK, JONATHAN (bro. of the preceding) m. Anna, D. of Daniel Drury, June 20, 1753. They were ad. to this chh. in 1757. Chil. *Jonathan*, b. Feb. 25, 1754; *Anna*, March 23, 1756; *Zeruiah*, Feb. 12, 1758; *Ebenezer*, June 4, 1760; *Jotham*, Aug. 26, 1763; *Joseph Drury*, Nov. 3, 1770; *John Gleason*, Feb. 10, 1774.

The parents with their seven chil. removed to Peterboro', N. H., in 1775, thence, after other removes, to Cavendish, Vt., where he d. about 1797, aged 70.

WHEELOCK, ASA (s. of Gershom, Jun.) m. Lucy, D. of Deac. Benjamin Maynard, June 24, 1788, and settled in Wardsboro', Vt. She d. there. Their chil. b. there are said to have been *Henry*, *Erastus*, and *Lucy*, who m. Dr. Warren of that town.

He next m. ——— Reed of Worcester, and d. in Wardsboro', in 1813, aged 85. Chil. said to have been, *Eliza*, *Mary*, and *Emery*.

WHEELOCK, Deac. GERSHOM (bro. of the preceding) m. Miriam, D. of Joseph Eager of Boylston, Dec. 4, 1811. They were ad. to this chh. in 1813. He lived on the homestead, and d. July 10, 1841, aged 80. Chil. *Luke Morgan*, b. Aug. 29, 1814, and *Erastus*, July 22, 1818. These sons live on the homestead of their first ancestor, who settled in this town.

WHEDLOCR, SAMUEL, m. Huldah Rice of Westboro', Feb. 15, 1720, and sup. came here from Marlboro'. She was ad. to this chh. in 1724. He *may* have been the Samuel, b. in 1696, s. of Deac. Samuel; but as no relationship has been known to be claimed or exist between this family and those of the descendants of Deac. Samuel, he was probably of another family; yet—in absence of other considerations, it might be taken for granted, that he was the s. of Deac. Samuel; and it may have been he, and *not* Deac. Samuel Wheelock, who d. in 1756; if not, his death is not on record here, nor is that of his wife, Huldah. Their chil. as recorded here, were, *Nahor*, b. Nov. 6, 1721; *Timothy*, June 24, 1724; *Paul*, June 26, 1727; *Samuel*, April 23, 1729, and m. Dorcas Perry of Worcester, in 1754; *Persis*, Sept. 19, 1732, and sup. m. Ezekiel Newton, in 1755; *Huldah*, July 20, 1741, and m. Timothy Newton, Feb. 10, 1763.

WHEELOCK, NAHOR (s. of the preceding) m. Abigail Williams, Dec. 16, 1747, and lived in quite the South part of the town, as probably did his father. Chil. *Huldah*, b. Nov. 9, 1748; *Stephen*, Feb. 22, 1751; *Eliab*, Aug. 26, 1753; *Lydia*, June 17, 1756; *Silas*, May 10 1759; *Ezra*, Feb. 27, 1762; *Joshua*, April 1, 1765; *Abigail*, Feb. 26, 1770.

The death of Nahor Wheelock is not on record here. His wid. Abigail m. Daniel Hemenway in 1783.

WHEELOCK, TIMOTHY (bro. of the preceding) m. Sarah, D. of Daniel Rand, Oct. 22, 1747. Chil. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 21, 1748; *Jonas*, Oct. 19, 1750, and d. April 11, 1764; *Phebe*, June 18, 1753, and d. in 1758; *Timothy*, June 12, 1756; *Joel*, July 8, 1758; *Ithamar*, Feb. 28, 1761; *Lewis*, Aug. 19, 1763; *Phebe*, Jan. 9, 1766.

Removed to New Ipswich, N. H., with his family, but when, unknown, and where his wife, Sarah, probably, deceased. He returned here and m. Abigail, wid. of Joseph Sherman, Jun., July 30, 1782, and lived at the *now* southern extremity of the town, and on the road to Grafton, where he d. April 14, 1812, aged 88; his wife, Abigail, d. in 1807. Chil. *Joseph* and *Sarah*, b. June 29, 1783; the former m. Judith Foster of Grafton, in 1806.

WHEELOCK, PAUL (bro. of the above) whose wife was Thankful, had *Paul*, b. Oct. 6, 1750; *Rhoda*, May 12, 1752; *Samuel*, May 6, 1755; *Mary*, Jan. 8, 1758. Removed to Sutton, that part now Millbury, and lived with, and outlived his son, Paul, and d. there, it is said, in 1824, aged 97.

WHEELOCK, STEPHEN (s. of Nahor) m. Lucretia, D. of Elisha Newton, Jan. 18, 1774. Child, *Emery*, b. Nov. 20, 1775.

WHEELOCK, SILAS (s. of Nahor) m. Anna, D. of Thomas Whitney, in 1783, and d. Feb. 24, 1842, aged 83; and his wife, Anna, one day previous, aged 78. Chil. *Silas*, b. May 12, 1784; *Thomas*, July 9, 1786, and m. Sarah Nurse Fairbank, of Grafton, in 1808; *Elizabeth*, March 12, 1789, and m. Elijah Harrington, Jun., in 1810; *Anna*, June 18, 1791, and m. Ezra Phillips, in 1809; *Lucy*, Nov. 15, 1793, and m. Dr. Stephen Cutler of Grafton; *Elward Flint*, Aug. 22, 1796, and m. Hannah Warren of Westboro', Dec. 23, 1821; *Zidock Putnam*, March 21, 1799, d. infant; *Mary* on the record of births, [perhaps should be Martha,] *Williams*, May 6, 1800, and m. James

Wheeler; *Hannah*, May 21, 1803, and m. John French; *Rinda*, March 17, 1805, and m. Willard Warren of Grafton, Dec. 1, 1825.

WHEELOCK, EZRA (s. of Nahor, whose wife was Vashti, had *Ezra*, b. Sept. 11, 1787; *John Green*, March —, 1790; *Sherman*, Dec. 27, 1792; *Vashti*, Nov. 4, 1796.

His death is not on record here. His wid. Vashti, m. Daniel Willington of Worcester, in 1801.

WHEELOCK, JOSHUA (s. of Nahor) m. Sarah Warren, April 5, 1790, lived on the Island, and d. Nov. 28, 1831, aged 66½, and his wid. Sarah, Dec. 1, 1831, aged 61, and both buried at one time, and in one grave, as was his bro. Silas and *his* wife. Chil. *Nahor*, b. July 14, 1790; *Sarah*, Nov. 3, 1791, and m. Gardner Goddard, in 1809; *Samuel Warren*, Jan. 30, 1799, went to Grafton, and m. ——— Fay of Southboro'.

WHEELOCK, SILAS, Jun. (s. of Silas) m. Mary, D. of Lewis Smith, Sept. 9, 1809. She d. Sept. 1, 1819, aged 28. Chil. *Rinda*, b. Sept 5, 1810, and m. John Smith of Northboro'; *Nathan Smith*, Feb. 27, 1814.

WHEELOCK, EZRA (s. of Ezra) whose wife was Hannah Croxford of Worcester, d. here, Feb. 26, 1841, aged 53, having had *Lucy*, b. Sept. 29, 1809. No others on record.

WHEELOCK, SHERMAN (s. of Ezra) whose wife was Nancy, had *Sarah Holden*, b. Dec. 26, 1815; and *John Green*, March 31, 1818.

WHEELOCK, ABRAHAM (s. of Eliab, and g. s. of Nahor) m. Catharine Hill, D. of Joseph Pratt, Sept. 26, 1830; She d. Sept. 20, 1833, aged 34. Chil. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 6, 1831; *Henry Lincoln*, Jan. 14, 1833; *Albert G.*, April 10, 1836.

WHEELOCK, Dr. SILAS (from Northbridge) m. Hannah, D. of Adam Harrington, Dec. 7, 1800, and d. here, Aug. 28, 1817, aged 48, and his wid. Hannah, in Dec. 1846, in her 65th year. Chil. *Luther*, b. Jan. 16, 1802, and d. April 22, 1820; *Clarendon*, June 2, 1804, and m. Abigail Wilder Fairbank of Northboro', Sept. 1828, and removed to Worcester; *Harriet*, Nov. 17, 1806, and m. Henry Snow, in 1824; *Eliza*, Feb. 8, 1809, and m. Oliver Harrington, in 1828.

WHEELOCK, Capt. GERSHOM, 2d, and his wife Priscilla, were from Medfield; she d. here, Sept. 7, 1845, aged 67. Chil. as on record here, *Eleazer*, b. Feb. 23, 1807; *Abigail Adams*, Sept. 1, 1808, and m. ——— Dewing of Norwich, Ct.; *Thomas Prentice*, Oct. 5, 1813, and m. Elizabeth Allen of Grafton; *Sarah Ellis*, Sept. 30, 1815; *Amos Mason*, April 25, 1818; *Sarah*, Sept. 3, 1820.

WHEELOCK, ZIMRI (from Northboro') m. Sarah Miller, D. Ephraim Sever, in 1826, and had *John Bucklin*, b. Oct. 29, 1826.

WHEELER,* JOHN (s. of John and Elizabeth, of Marl-

* Thomas Wheeler was in Concord with a family, in 1640, and in 1675, accompanied Capt. Hutchinson, himself then a Captain, with about twenty troops, to Quaboag, now Brookfield, to treat with the Indians. They were there drawn into ambush, and suddenly fired upon as with a shower of hail, by the perfidious Indians, and eight of their number instantly killed, viz: Zachariah Phillips of Boston, Timothy Farlow of Billerica, Edward Colburn of Chelmsford, Samuel Smedly of Concord, Sydrach Hapgood of Sudbury, Sergeant Eyeres, now written Ayres, Sergeant Prichard, and corporal Coy, inhabitants of Brookfield; and five others wounded; of these was Capt. Hutchinson, mortally, and d. soon after. Capt. Wheeler was sorely wounded, had his horse shot under him, and, when near being despatched by the enemy, was rescued by his son, Thomas, he also was wounded, who placed his father upon a horse, whose rider was slain, and both succeeded by flight, in saving their lives. Capt. Wheeler d. in Concord in 1676. His s. Thomas, whose wife was Hannah, had John, b. in Concord, in 1661, who there m. Elizabeth Wells, 25. 4. 1684, and perhaps had chil. b. there, but soon after settled in Marlboro', where he d. in 1721. His chil. as recorded in Marlboro', were John, b. in 1695, who settled in Shrewsbury; Martha, in 1698; Joseph, in 1700; Ephraim, in 1702, and also settled here; and Daniel, in 1704.

boro') b. in 1695. m. Mary, b. in 1694, D. of Thomas Hapgood of Marlboro', (and sister of Thomas Hapgood who settled here) Oct. 8, 717, in Marlboro', and, as appears by the record there, had *Cyrus*, b. in 1717. and *Darius*, in 1719, and soon after removed to this town. His wife, Mary, was ad. to this chh. in 1730. Chil. as on record here, and probably b. here, *Jonathan*, b. June 22, 1720, and sup. settled in Grafton; *Thomas*, Jan. 5, 1721. *Lydia*, March 25, 1722, m. William Norcross, Nov. 6, 1741; *Josiah*, Oct. 7, 1723; *Hezediah*, Feb. 16, 1725, (the first of his chil. bap. here) and m. David Taylor, in 1746; *Martha*, Oct. 2, 1726; *Philemon*, April 11, 1728, and d. in 1729; *Persis*, Oct. 6, 1729, ad. to chh. in 1748, and m. John Baker, Jun., in 1754; *Azubah*, Sept. 3, 1731, and m. Peter [perhaps Foster] Larkin of Lancaster, April 4, 1751; *Damaris*, Aug. 17, 1733, and m. John Barr of New Braintree, Oct. 25, 1751; *John*, Sept. 7, 1735; *Mary*, Oct. 7, 1737; *Hepzibah*, July 16, 1739.

There is no record here of the death of either of the parents.

WHEELER, CYRUS (s. of John and Mary) m. Lois, D. of Deac. Samuel Wheelock, May 1, 1746; they were ad. to this chh. in 1765. He d. here, Feb. 19, 1782, aged 65. The death of his wife is not on record here. Chil. *Solomon*, b. Feb. 22, 1747; *Artemas*, Dec. 5, 1748; *Lois*, April 22, 1753, and m. Jonathan Thurston, May 5, 1773, and Samuel Rawson, May 10. 1781, and removed to New York.

WHEELER, JOSIAH (bro. of the preceding) m. Elizabeth Bailey, Feb. 28, 1744. Chil. as on record here, *Darius*, b. May 25, 1745; *Hepzibah*, Oct. 27, 1746.

WHEELER, JOHN Jun. (bro. of the preceding) m. Jedidah, D. of Samuel Bigelow, April 30, 1760. They were ad. to this chh. in 1765. Chil. *Darius*, b. March 11, 1761; *Susanna*, Dec. 31, 1762; *Thomas*, Jan. 27, 1765; *Mary*, Oct. 12, 1767; *Elizabeth*, Feb. 26, 1769; *Catharine*, bap. Sept. 8, 1771. "The parents were dismissed, in 1774, to the covenanting breth-

ren in Newfane, Vt., in order to be formed into a chh. state there." He was at Fort William Henry, at the time of the memorable and unparalleled massacre of the English and Provincial troops, by the Indians, in 1757, after its surrender to Montcalm, the French commander.

WHEELER, SOLOMON, (s. of Cyrus) m. Zipporah Harrington of Grafton, Aug. 26, 1771. Chil. *Moses* and *Zipporah*, b. March 19, 1772; *Aaron*, bap. March 27, 1774. Removed, sup. to Vermont.

WHEELER, ARTEMAS (bro. of the preceding) m. Lucretia, D. of Gideon Howe, March 25, 1778. Chil. *Eber*, b. Nov. 6, 1778, and drowned in Jordan pond, July 19, 1794; *Nathan*, Oct. 24, 1781, and m. Susanna Heard of Worcester, in 1805; *Leonard*, Aug. 27, 1783; *Lucretia*, Nov. 24, 1785; *Daniel*, Sept. 25, 1787; *Nahum*, Aug. 21, 1789; *Joel*, Sept. 10, 1791, and d. infant; *Joel*, Oct. 15, 1792; *Eber*, June 10, 1796; *Damaris*, Aug. 22, 1798; *Sarah*, Dec. 30, 1801. Removed to Vermont.

WHEELER, LEONARD (s. of Artemas) m. Hannah Hemenway of and in Vt. Her death is not on record here; their child, *Leonard Hemenway*, was bap. here, June 23, 1811, "on the deceased mother's account; she was a member of a chh. in Shoreham, Vt." The father m. Dolly, D. of John H. Howe, Jan. 29, 1821, and returned to Vt.

WHEELER, EPHRAIM (s. of John and Elizabeth of Marlboro') b. in 1702, m. Miriam Martin, Dec. 30, 1730; they were then both called of this town. She was ad. to this chh. in 1734, and d. July 9, 1756; and he, April 29, 1755; their ages are not recorded; but his, according to his birth, was about 53. Chil. *Adam*, b. April 29, 1732, and sup. m. Mercy, D. of Isaac Wheeler of Rutland, an early settler there from Medfield, Nov. 17, 1763, and settled in Hubbardston, where he was a Deacon of the chh., a Captain in the Continental army, and afterwards, in

Shay's army; *Ephraim*, March 12, 1734; *Daniel*, bap. June 6, 1736; *Dinah*, Aug. 12, 1739, and m. Aaron Smith, in 1757; *Miriam*, Sept. 1, 1742, and m. Asa Rice, in 1763; *Elizabeth*, bap. Oct. 28, 1744, and m. Asa Smith, in 1764; *Aaron*, b. Oct. 10, 1747.

WHEELER, EPHRAIM (s. of Ephraim) m. Azubah, D. of Abraham Eager, Nov. 4, 1761. Chil. *Catharine*, b. June 10, 1762; *Sarah*, March 23, 1764; *Annis*, July 16, 1767. The death of his wife, Azubah, is not on record here. He m. Elizabeth, wid. of Francis Temple, March 22, 1769.

WHEELER, AARON (bro. of the preceding) m. Ruth, wid. of Samuel Britton, Jun., and D. of Stephen Parker, Nov. 14, 1784, and d. June 23, 1821, aged 75; and his wife, Ruth, March 26, 1813, aged 65. Chil. *Abigail*, b. Oct. 17, 1785, and m. John Tufts, Jun. of Charlestown, in 1806; *Miriam*, Jan. 19, 1788.

WHEELER, LEMUEL and his wife Levinah, came here from Marlboro', about 1814. She was. ad. to this chh. in 1815. Chil. (no births on record here,) *George*, bap. Oct. 20, 1816; *Lorenzo Williams*, bap. Nov. 21, 1819; *Levinah Ann*, bap. Sept. 9, 1821. The father soon after returned to Marlboro'.

WHITNEY, SAMUEL of Weston, m. Elizabeth Hastings of Watertown, April 7, 1735. They came here, sup. about 1743, with a family of chil.; of whom were *Samuel; Elizabeth*, who m. Joseph Mixer, Jun., in 1754; *Nathaniel*, who d. here, Nov. 19, 1744; *Lydia*, who d. here, Oct. 3, 1745; their ages are not recorded, nor are the births of any of them on record here. The parents were ad. to this chh. from that in Weston, in 1761, lived on the place afterwards belonging to the late John Bellows, and where he d. Aug. 2, 1788, aged 77; no record of the death of his wife, Elizabeth. Chil. as on record here, *Lucy*, b. Aug. 27, 1744, and m. Asaph Sherman of Grafton, July 14, 1762; *Lydia*, June 1, 1746, and m. William Brit-

ton of Rutland, Nov. 3, 1767; *Susannah*, Feb. 26, 1748, and m. John Bellows, Jun. of Southboro', Oct. 4, 1768, who afterwards settled here; *Nathaniel*, May 30, 1749, and m. Mary Houghton of Lancaster, Jan. 21, 1771; *Jonas*, June 14, 1751, and m. Tamar Houghton, sister of his brother's wife, Jan. 11, 1773; *Sarah*, bap. July 15, 1753, and m. John Fisher Lyon, in 1777; *Eliphalet*, bap. May 4, 1757, and m. Lois Houghton of Lancaster, probably sister of his brother's wives, Aug. 12, 1776; *Martha*, bap. Aug. 5, 1759.

The three last named sons with their wives removed, it is said, to New Marlboro', Vt., and settled there.

Susanna Whitney, perhaps a sister of Samuel, m. John Guilford of Leicester, June 26, 1750.

Hannah Whitney m. Joseph Bellows of Southboro', Feb. 17, 1785; he was bro. of John, who settled here.

WHITNEY, SAMUEL, Jun. (s. of Samuel) m. Phebe, D. of Isaac Harrington of Grafton, in 1762; she was sister of Capt. Isaac, of this town. Chil. *Catharine*, b. May 5, 1763; *Elizabeth*, Aug. 26, 1764; *Moses*, Oct. 20, 1765, and d. infant; *Moses*, Jan. 26, 1767; *Guilford*, Jan. 2, 1769.

He removed with his family to New Marlboro', Vt.

WHITNEY, DANIEL (sup. from Waltham or vicinity, and perhaps bro. of Samuel) m. here, Thankful, D. of Elnathan and Mary Allen, March, 1739, and lived in the N. P., on the place of the late Nathan Bannister, deceased. Neither his, nor her death is on record here. He was one of the highway surveyors in 1760. Chil. *Levi*, b. Dec. 5, 1739, and sup. m. Lydia Rice of Townsend, in 1780; *Timothy*, Oct. 25, 1743; *Daniel*, Sept. 4, 1746; *Sarah*, Sept. 9, 1749, and m. Nathan Bannister of Brookfield, afterwards of this town, in 1769.

WHITNEY, TIMOTHY (s. of Daniel) m. Catharine, D. of Nathaniel Davenport, Dec. 1, 1768, and lived in the N. P. Chil. as on record here, *Lucy*, b. March 23, 1769; *Shadrack*, Oct. 6, 1770; *Levi*, Aug. 9, 1772; *Mary*, Jan. 7, 1774;

Catharine, Oct. 10, 1777, and d. infant; *Catharine*, Feb. 15, 1779; *Timothy*, June 25, 1783; *John*, April 6, 1785.

WHITNEY, DANIEL Jun. (s. of Daniel) m. Catharine Stone of the "County Gore," in 1771, and sup. lived in the N. P. Chil. *Jonah*, b. Sept. 3, 1772; *Isaac*, Oct. 17, 1774; *Sarah*, July 21, 1776; *Daniel*, Sept. 4, 1777. This family is sup. to have removed to Marlboro', where Daniel and Catharine Whitney had *Luther*, b. in 1781; *John Stone*, in 1783, and *William*, in 1785.

WHITNEY,* THOMAS. The first I find of him is in Westboro', where he was pub. to Anna Gould of that town, Feb. 24, 1753; he was then called of Shrewsbury. They were m. and lived in "the Shoe," adjoining Westboro'. Chil. as on record here; *Timothy*, b. Nov. 29, 1753; *Sarah*, Nov. 21, 1756, and m. Jonas Hemenway, in 1780; *Elijah*, April 21, 1761; *Anna*, May 24, 1764, and m. Silas Wheelock, in 1783; *John Smith*, Dec. 4, 1768; *Jonah*, Aug. 25, 1771. Thomas, the father, was ad. to this chh. in 1784, and d. in Westboro', according to the record there, April 25, 1806, and his wid., Anna, Aug. 10, 1812. Their ages not recorded.

WHITNEY, ELIJAH (s. of Thomas) m. Mindwell Hardy of Westboro', May 29, 1785, and had *Azubah*, b. Oct. 13, 1785. He was set off with his farm to Westboro', in 1793, where he d. Aug. 24, 1817, aged 56.

WHITNEY, JOHN S. (s. of Thomas) m. Susanna, D. of Deac. William Knowlton, in 1793. Chil. *William Knowlton*, b. April 5, 1795, at Westboro', but recorded here; *Artemas Hammond*, Jan. 14, 1797; *Joseph Hastings*, Feb. 25, 1799.

* What relation existed between Thomas, and the before mentioned Samuel and Daniel, or either of them with the other, is not known. Probably all of the name, in N. E., have one common ancestor in this country, in John, of Watertown, who was made freeman, in 1636, and d. in 1673, aged 84. Six of his sons had families in Watertown. From this stock are numerous descendants; of them was Daniel, who had a family of chil. in Weston, before 1722, but the names of his chil. are as yet unknown to me.

WHITNEY, JONAH (s. of Thomas) m. Anna, D. of Gideon Rider, May 21, 1797, and was then of Westboro', where he was killed in the removal of a building, Oct. 13, 1810, aged 39, leaving a D. *Phila;* and perhaps other children.

WHITNEY, JOSEPH H. (from Westboro', s. of John S.) m. Lucy, D. of Nathaniel Green, Jan. 5, 1817. Chil. *Lorenzo*, b. May 4, 1817; and *Martha Maria*, April 13, 1824.

WHITNEY, SAMUEL, and his wife Fanny Hudson, came here from Harvard or vicinity, about 1823. She d. Oct. 10, 1826, aged 43. Chil. as recorded here; *Abigail Cutler*, b. Jan. 25, 1813; *Adaline Hudson*, May 9, 1815; *David Austin*, Aug. 1, 1816; *William*, Sept. 6, 1818; *Fanny*, June 7, 1820; *Robert Hudson*, Aug. 23, 1822; *Mary Ann*, Jan. 23, 1825.

His 2d wife was Lydia Whitney, whom he m. April 1, 1828. Chil. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. April 8, 1832, and *George Francis*, June 18, 1834.

WILDER, JOSHUA (probably from Lancaster) m. Sarah, D. of Maj. John Keyes, Dec. 21, 1731; he was then called of Shrewsbury. She was ad. to this chh. in 1728. Chil. *Rosinah*, b. July 1, 1732; the only one, whose birth is on record here; *John*, bap. Dec. 4, 1748. As there is no record here of the baptism of the D., it is sup. she lived but a short time, and as there is no other record of the s., than that he was bap. here, it is not probable he was b. in this town. Joshua Wilder was one of the first settlers in Princeton.

WILLARD, DANIEL (sup. a descendant of the distinguished Maj. Simon Willard * of Lancaster) m. Rachel Wheelock of

* He d. in 1676. In 1713, the Gen. Court granted, upon the petition of his sons and grandsons, to them and their representatives and associates, 92160 acres of land, now lying partly in Rutland. Among the proprietors having one share each, were his sons Simon, John, Benjamin and Joseph, then living, and the heirs of Josiah, of the Rev. Samuel, of Henry, of Daniel, and of Jonathan, his deceased sons. This grant was twelve miles square, and divided into 33 shares. It is said by Jonas Reed, in his History of Rutland, that this grant comprised what is now Rutland, Oakham, Barre, Hubbardston, the greatest part of Princeton, and about one half of Paxton.

Worcester, March 2, 1743. She d. here, March 18, —, aged 49. The year of her death cannot be ascertained; but it will be seen, that it was after 1757, and before 1764. Chil. *Asahel*, b. March 16, 1746; *Daniel*, Feb. 25, 1748; *Samuel*, March 26, 1749; *Ruel*, Oct. 16, 1752; *Beriah*, May 25, 1755, and d. in 1756; *Beriah*, July 9, 1757. They are all recorded as the children of Daniel and *Rachel* Willard. He m. a 2d time. The record here is thus: "Ensign Daniel Willard and wid. Elizabeth Bayley of Marlboro', were m. Nov. 13, 1764." After that period, neither he nor any of his family appear on the records here. He is sup. to have removed to Greenfield, where his sons Ruel and Beriah are next found, and, having families there.

Justice Willard, a grad. of D. C., in 1811, and s. of Ruel, settled in Springfield, State Senator, Register of Probate, &c.

David, a grad. of D. C., 1809, and living in Greenfield, was s. of Beriah.

A Daniel Willard, whose wife was Anna, had Anna, b. in Sudbury, in 1686.

A Daniel Willard, perhaps the same, with a 2d wife, Elizabeth, had Elizabeth, b. there, in 1688.

WILLARD, JONATHAN (perhaps a bro. of Daniel) whose wife was Sarah, had *Josiah*, b. Sept. 4, 1744, and *Samuel*, Oct. 18, 1746.

WITHERBY,* Capt. SILAS (originally from Marlboro') m. Thankful, probably the D. of Maj. John Keyes, and settled first in Grafton. There is no record, here or in Marlboro', of their publishment or marriage. I have said under the head of Maj. John Keyes, that *his* D., Thankful, m. Jonas Keyes, Aug. 20, 1731; that, perhaps, is erroneous, so far as to her being *his*

*John Witherbye (this name is variously written in old records, Witherbee, Witherbye, and Witherby) and his wife, Mary, had Thomas, b. in Sudbury, Jan. 5, 1678, who m. Hannah Wood of Marlboro', Feb. 20, 1699, and had Mary, b. in 1700; Hannah, in 1702; Thomas, in 1705; Silas, above mentioned, in 1707; and Submit, in 1710, all in Marlboro'.

D. There is no record here of more than one Thankful Keyes, and as a Thankful Keyes m. Jonas Keyes at the time, beforementioned, as appears by the marriage records of this town, she was taken to have been the D. of Maj. John; but the chh. records, and other evidence lead to a different conclusion, unless she was the wid. of Jonas Keyes, when she m. Silas Witherby, and the presumption is strong that such was the fact. Thankful Keyes was ad. to this chh. in 1728, and called the D. of, then, *Capt.* John Keyes; and Thankful Witherby, formerly Keyes, was dis. from this, to the chh. in Grafton, in 1741.

When they removed from Grafton to this town, is unknown, but probably before 1780, as in that year he was ad. to this chh. from that in Grafton. He d. here, March 10, 1783, aged 76, and his wife, Thankful, June 17, 1782, aged, as appears of record, 73; and consequently b. in 1709, which agrees with Marlboro' record respecting the birth of Thankful, D. of John and Mary Keyes. Chil. as on record here, (but probably b. in Grafton, inasmuch as none of them were bap. here) *John Keyes*, b. Feb. 28, 1743; *Levinah*, March 19, 1745, and m. Samuel Wilson of Fitzwilliam, N. H., Feb. 1, 1780, and d. there, his wid. as is said, in 1838; *Thomas*, Jan. 1, 1747; *Mary*, Feb. 6, 1749, and m. Leonard Brigham, perhaps of Grafton, in 1774; *Sarah*, June 14, 1753, and m. Azariah Wilson, Nov. 6, 1783; he was then of Spencer, and s. of Joseph Wilson, and Grace Harrington, and b. Oct 1, 1756. They removed to Fitzwilliam, and had, Azariah, grad. H. U. in 1816, Chaplain of the U. S. frigate Macedonian, Capt. Downs, and d. while in the service, at Valparaiso, unm. about 1818; his age about 27.

WITHERBY, JOHN K. (s. of Capt. Silas) m. Levinah, D. of Daniel Rand, May 3, 1768. Chil. *Silas*, b. Feb. 20, 1769, m. Sarah Brigham of and in Westboro', June 3, 1793, settled there, and had Mary b. in 1796, Jeremiah, in 1798, Joel, in 1800, Jesse Brigham, in 1807, and Esther Louisa, in 1810; *Danforth*, Aug. 28, 1771. The mother d. here June 23, 1775, aged 32. The death of John K. Witherby is not on record here. It is said he d. Feb. 5, 1811, his age then was 68.

WITHERBY, Lt. THOMAS (s. of Capt. Silas) m. Relief Heuston of Dunstable, N. H., and settled in Fitzwilliam. He removed to this town with his family, about 1777. He was in covenant relation with the chh. there, when he left; his wife Relief was ad. to this chh. in 1783. He d. here, May 9, 1827, in his 81st year; her death not on record. Chil. as recorded here, *Lewis*, b. Dec. 2, 1770; *Jonathan*, March 3, 1772; *Thomas*, Feb. 13, 1774; *Sarah*, Dec. 10, 1775, and m. Joseph Merriam, 3d, of Grafton, Aug. 28, 1794, and had Sarah, Joseph, Hannah, John, Charles, and Charlotte. All the before mentioned chil. were b. at Fitzwilliam; *Mary*, Nov. 1, 1777, and m. Joseph Dispeau of Grafton, May 1, 1796, and had Relief Heuston, John Sanborn, and Samuel; *Silas*, Jan. 7, 1784.

WITHERBY, LEWIS (s. of the preceding) m. Huldah, D. of Joel, s. of John Wesson of Worcester Gore. Chil. as recorded here; *Oliver*, b. July 21, 1793, and m. Mary Harrington of Worcester, and had Mary, Sarah, James, and others; *Lewis*, Aug. 21, 1795, and m. Deborah, D. of Capt. Charles Fay, Nov. 17, 1818, and had Prescott, Cyrus, and Caroline; *Hannah*, Oct. 2, 1799, and m. James Bensley of Providence, and had James and Lambert; *Dennis Franklin*, March 14, 1814, and m. in Southboro'.

WITHERBY, JONATHAN (bro. of the preceding) m. Virtue, D. of Silas Hemenway, Oct. 30, 1796. Chil. *Thomas*, b. April 2, 1797, (the only one on record here) and m. Amelia Adams of Athol, and had Jonathan Gilman, Jane Augusta, Mary Relief, Henrietta, Marietta, Ruth and Thomas. The parents removed to Brandon, Vt., and had *Seth*, who m. Elizabeth, D. of Joseph Williams of Bridport, Vt., to which town the parents next removed, and had *Levi Jennison*, who. m. Mary, D. of James Hamilton of Bridport, and had Charles and Eliza; *Relief*, who m. Nathan Craft, Jun., s. of Nathan, of Jay, Me., Jan. 15, 1834; they live in Newton, and have Walter, b. in 1836; *Mary Hemenway*, who m. Chester Stevens of Templeton. in 1831, and d. June 3, 1843, aged 33, leaving Henry, Charles, Bucklin,

Sarah Hazeltine, and Mary Susanna; *Sarah Merriam*, who m. Thomas Hazeltine of Barnet, Vt., and d. April 7, 1838, aged 27; *Silas Hemenway*, who m. Sophia Goff of Monroe, N. Y.; *Susan Temple*, who m. Luke B. Witherby of this town, in 1837.

WITHERBY, THOMAS, Jun. (bro. of the preceding) m. Susanna, D. of Capt. Thomas Knowlton, June 5, 1800, and lived on the homestead. They were ad. to this chh. in 1823. He d. Oct. 16, 1840, aged 66, 8 mos. Chil. *Calvin Knowlton*, b. Dec. 9, 1800, and d. unm. July 21, 1827; *Thomas Heuston*, June 25, 1802; *Elizabeth*, March 3, 1804, ad. to this chh. in 1823, and m. Elijah A. Brigham, in 1825; *Luke Bucklin*, Dec. 17, 1809; *Jonathan Edwin*, Nov. 11, 1815, and d. Dec. 28, 1836; *Susan Relief*, Nov. 26, 1818.

WITHERBY, SILAS (bro. of the preceding) m. Lois, D. of Paul Wheelock, Jun. of Millbury, and had *Charles Silas*, *Joseph Vernon*, *Mary Lois*, *Jonathan Gardner*, *Charlotte Sophia*, *Reuben Miner*, *Luther Brigham*, *Persis Lucretia*, *Lucinda Relief*, and *Daniel Thomas*.

WITHERBY, THOMAS H. (s. of Thomas, Jun.) m. Lois Muzzy, D. of Ebenezer Drury, Feb. 22, 1824. They were ad. to this chh. in 1823, had *George Franklin*, b. Aug. 25, 1825, and removed to Millbury, where she d. in 1838.

WITHERBY, LUKE B. (bro. of the preceding) m. his cousin, Susan Temple, D. of Jonathan Witherby, lives on the homestead, and had *George Thomas*, b. May 13, 1840.

WILSON, JOHN, whose wife was Jane, had *John*, bap. here, June 10, 1733, "by virtue of a certificate from Ireland;" and *Thomas*, who was bap. Aug. 18, 1734.

WILSON, EDWARD, who was ad. to this chh. in 1742, and d. here, Jan. 29, 1759, aged 71, is sup. to have been the

Edward Wilson, whose wife, Hopestill, d. in Marlboro', Jan. —, 1731, and who there m. Margaret Angier, April 4, 1732. There is no record here of birth or baptism of any of his chil., nor is the name of his wife on record here.

Abigail Wilson, who m. Abiel Bragg, in 1753, and Susanna Wilson, who m. John Frost of Westboro', June 2, 1757, may have been his daughters; they were of this town.

WAIT, JASON, whose wife was Mercy, had *Sarah*, b. May 9, 1743; and *Hepzibah*, Aug. 14, 1745.

WINCH, DAVID (probably from Framingham) whose wife was Naomi, had *Rachel*, b. June 10, 1754. Sarah Winch, who m. Edward Newton, Jun., in 1760, was, is sup. his D. as may have been Elizabeth, who m. Richard Stanford of Natick, in 1761; and also, Silence, who m. Ebenezer Belknap of Holden, in 1764.

John Winch was pub. to Kezia Lovell of Holden, Oct. 13, 1758; and Aaron Winch to Ruth Winch of Framingham, in 1773.

WYMAN,* ROSS (from Woburn, whose first wife was a

* He was a stout, athletic man, and, previous to the Revolution, while in Boston, and in his wagon, came near being seized and carried off by a press-gang from a British man-of-war. He resolutely defended himself, and, at length, snatching up a cod fish with both hands in the gills, beat them off by slapping them in the face with its slimy tail!

He was a blacksmith by trade, a warm friend to his country, and ever refused to do blacksmithing, or other work for a *tory*. At the commencement of the Revolution, Gen. Ward requested him to make him a gun and bayonet of sufficient strength for him to pitch a man over his head. He made it to order, and, of horse nail stubs: it was a real king's arm, as a certain kind of musket was called at that day; a valuable piece, and did the country some service. How it had done before, and in other hands, is not so well known, but some time after the Revolution, it was, when in the writer's hands, many times known to do execution, at one and the same time, both in front and *rear*.

John and Francis Wiman, probably brothers, were early settlers in Woburn. From one of them, no doubt, descended Ross, who settled in Shrewsbury. As his

line cannot be traced from the records in my possession, I subjoin for the information of such as may desire to search out further particulars, so much from them, as here follows:

John Wiman and Sarah Nutt were m. in Woburn, 5. 9. 1644, and had Samuel, b. in 1646, and d. in '46; John, in 1648; Solomon, in 1651; David, in 1651; Elizabeth, in 1655, and d. in 1658; Bathsheba, in 1658; Jonathan, in 1661; and Mary, in 1674. Lt. John Wiman d. in 1684.

Francis Wiman and Judith Peirce were m. 30. 10. 1644, and had Judith, b. and d. in 1652; Timothy, b. in 1661; Benjamin, in 1674; and Stephen, in 1676.

It may be inferred from what follows, that one or both of them had other chil.

John Wiman and Hannah Farrar were m. in 1685, and had John, b. in 1686. She was probably the D. of Thomas Farrar, who was in Lynn, in 1650, and d. there, in 1694.

William Wiman had Francis, b. in 1685; and Thomas, in 1687.

Timothy Wiman had Hannah, b. in 1688; Timothy, in 1691.

Seth Wiman and Esther Johnson were m. in 1685, and had Seth, b. in 1686; and Esther, in 1688.

Jacob Wiman and Elizabeth Richardson were m. in 1687.

Jonathan Wiman and Hannah Fowle were m. July 31, 1690.

The foregoing marriages and births are found in Middlesex County Records, as transcribed from the records of the town of "*Woeburne;*" so written in 1644, and "*Oburne,*" in 1676.

Jeffs, and d. there,) came here with two chil. *Levi* and *Elizabeth;* Levi m. in Hubbardston, and had a s., Frederick; Elizabeth m. Hon. John Fessenden of Rutland, (Rep. and Sen.) Nov. 23, 1769, and had John, in 1770; Wyman, in 1772; Elizabeth, in 1775; Stephen, in 1777; Relief, in 1780; Thomas, in 1783; and Sarah Wedland, in 1787. Mr. Fessenden d. April 7, 1793, aged 64.

Ross Wyman here m. Dinah, D. of William Taylor, April 10, 1751. She d. Nov. 15, 1759, aged 32 and 8 mos. Chil. *Seth*, b. Dec. 11, 1751, and d. June 6, 1752; *Sarah*, June 3, 1753, and m. Thaddeus Estabrook of Rutland, Dec. 31, 1772, and had Susanna and Sarah, and d. young; *Catharine*, Dec. 9, 1755, and m. Jonathan Harrington from Watertown, his 2d wife, March 10, 1779; *Seth*, March 5, 1758.

The 3d wife of Ross Wyman was Sarah Hagget, a wid. of Bradford, whom he m. in 1761; and d. Sept. 11, 1808, aged

92; his wid., Sarah, d. Nov. 30, 1808, aged 88. Chil. *Olive*, who m. John Lake Whiting, in 1782; *Susanna*, bap. Sept. 30, 1761, and d. infant.

WYMAN, Col. SETH (s. of Ross) m. Mary Brown of Ipswich, (probably New Ipswich, N. H.) sis. of the wife of Simon Maynard, in 1782, settled in Buckland, and returned here with a family, about 1788. He d. here on the homestead, Dec. 29, 1827, aged 69 and 9 mos.; his wid. Mary, Jan. 15, 1829, aged 71. Chil. as recorded here, *Sarah*, b. June 9, 1784, and m. Sylvanus Billings, Jun.; *Ross*, July 7, 1785, and d. here, unm., March 2, 1834; *Seth*, July 23, 1787; all at Buckland. *Oliver*, here, April 9, 1789; *Mary*, Feb. 28, 1791, and m. Calvin Howe, in 1815; *Clarissa*, April 7, 1793, and m. William Johnson of Shoreham, Vt.; *Levi*, Nov. 25, 1795.

WYMAN, SETH Jun. (s. of Col. Seth) m. Nancy, D. of John Baker, Nov. 28, 1816, and lives on the homestead. Chil. *John Baker*, b. July 12, 1817; *Charles Dexter*, Sept. 12, 1820; *Jane Caroline*, Sept. 6, 1822; *Nancy Baker*, June 28, 1824; *Oliver Brown*, Sept. 16, 1826; *Lucy Maria*, March 30, 1830; *Seth Henry*, Aug. 17, 1832; *Mary Putnam*, Aug. 29, 1834; *Sarah Elizabeth*, May 8, 1837.

WYMAN, OLIVER (s. of Col. Seth) m. Hannah Keyes, D. of Ebenezer Drury, April 15, 1819, and was drowned at Whitehall, Lake Champlain, in the month of Dec. 1825, aged 36. Chil. *Abigail K.*, and *Lucy Ann*, both of whom m. in Vermont, and where his wid. m. ——— Smith of Brandon.

WHITTEMORE, NATHANIEL (sup. originally from Weston or vicinity) m. Sarah, D. of Luke Rice, Aug. 17, 1753; He was then called of this town. Chil. *Sarah*, b. July 18, 1754; *Nathaniel*, March 9, 1756; *Lydia*, Feb. 15, 1758; *Paul*, May 24, 1760; *Eber*, April 24, 1762. Nathaniel Whittemore had deceased in 1765. His wid Sarah, m. George Harrington of Brookfield, March 31, 1774.

This family name appears in the records of Charlestown, in 1670; where Nathaniel and Mary Whittemore had Nathaniel, b. Sept. 26, in that year.

WHITTEMORE, JOEL, (perhaps a bro. of the above) was here, in 1758, and m. Rezinah, D. of Daniel Rand, April 28, 1761. She d. here, Dec. 29, 1768, aged 34; he is said to have d. young. No births of their chil. on record here.

A Joel Whittemore, called of this town, was pub. to Hannah Allen of Westboro', in 1755, and may have been the preceding.

Whittemore, Jeremiah, who d. here, June 22, 1844, aged 78, m. Mary Washburn of Paxton, Feb. 21, (being his birth day,) 1792. She d. here, Sept. 24, 1843, aged 78. They probably had not resided here many years before their decease. There is no record of there having been such a family here previous to 1829. He was b. in Spencer, Feb. 21, 1766; his parents, Jeremiah Whittemore and Mary Carter, both of Weston, were m. there, June 2, 1748, and removed to Spencer.

WALKER, HEZEKIAH, whose wife was Hannah, had *Elizabeth*, b. April 5, 1745.

Martha Walker, called of this town, m. Stephen Hastings, in 1757.

WRIGHT, JOHN m. Jane Crossett of Templeton, April 30, 1765, and had *Martha*, b. Dec. 23, 1765; and *Lucy*, June 23, 1767.

John Wright and Deliverance Houghton were m. here, Sept. 26, 1781.

WRIGHT, MOODY, m. Elizabeth B. Barrows, in 1817, and had *Joseph Moody*, b. April 28, 1818, and *Augustus Warren*, May 31, 1822. Removed to Boylston.

WOOD, WILLIAM whose wife was Sarah, had *Elmer*, b. Feb. 23, 1787.

WHITING, JOHN LAKE (sup. from Lancaster) m. Olive, D. of Ross Wyman, in 1782. Chil. *Relief*, b. July 11, 1783, and m. Reuben Foster Blood, Feb. 24, 1805; *Lucy*, March 13, 1785; *John Lake*, and others, not on record.

The parents, with their chil., removed to Lancaster, where he deceased. His wid., Olive, returned and resided here nearly or quite 20 years, and d. his wid., April 14, 1842, aged 80.

WARE, JASON and his wife, Jemima Cowell, were from Wrentham. He d. here, Nov. 12, 1836, aged 71. Chil. as on record, and probably all b. here; *Martha*, b. Aug. 28, 1791; *Harriet Jemima*, June 3, 1793, and m. Franklin Newell of Providence, R. I., Nov. 10, 1811; *Maria*, Dec. 4, 1797; *Leander Merritt*, Feb. 16, 1803, and settled in Providence; *Ann Janette*, who m. Dr. Azor R. Phelps, in 1833; *Samuel*.

WILLIAMS, WILLIAM (from Pomfret, Ct.) m. Harriet, D. of Thomas W. Ward, Esq., May 13, 1817. She d. here, Nov. 13, 1824, aged 37. Chil. *Artemas*, b. March 2, 1818; *William Gardner*, Jan. 20, 1820; *Thomas Walter*, March 23, 1822.

He next m. Maria, D. of Isaac Denny, in 1826, and had *Harriet Ward*, b. June 17, 1827. Removed to Marietta, Ohio, about 1833.

WILLIAMS, Dr. SAMUEL C. (bro. of the preceding) m. Rebecca, D. of Edward Sumner of Roxbury, in 1818, and d. here, June 14, 1832, aged 43. Chil. *Francis Sumner*, b. March 30, 1819, and d. Feb. 4, 1823; *Susan Rebecca*, Feb. 17, 1821; and d. June 26, 1823; *Emeline Sumner*, July 19, 1823; *Elward Henry*, Nov. 7, 1825, and d. infant; *Ann Rebecca*, Jan. 2, 1828. His wid. Rebecca, m. Adolphus Parmenter of Marlboro', in 1834.

WHIPPLE, Rev. EDWARDS, from Charlton, where he was ord. to the gospel ministry, Jan. 25, 1804, and dis. in 1820, was installed here, colleague Pastor of the Rev. Dr. Sumner, Sept. 26, 1821, and d. Sept. 17, 1822, aged 44. His wife was Catharine Warner, a wid., her maiden name, Hall. She d. here, April 17, 1842, aged 70. No issue.

WESSON, ABEL (s. of Abel, of Grafton Gore, whose wife was Sarah Drury of Grafton,) lived in this town several years, and d. here, April 26, 1832, aged 60. His wife was Jemima Mills of Worcester. Of his chil., they are not on record here, *Samuel*, m. Relief, D. of Daniel Smith, Jun., in 1820; *Phineas*, m. Lucy, D. of said Smith, in 1824; *Ephraim*, m. Lucretia, D. of John Bellows, Jun., in 1829; *Jemima*, m. John Johnson, in 1816; *Nancy*, m. Adam Harrington, 2d, in 1830; and *Selena*, m. Charles Harrington, in 1829.

WESSON, THOMAS D. (bro. of the preceding) m. Lucinda, D. of Abraham Rogers of Stow, in 1809. Chil. as on record here, *John Rogers*, b. Aug. 10, 1814; *Lucinda*, Feb. 15, 1818. Removed to Concord.

Silas Wesson of Grafton, afterwards of Westboro', who m. Sarah Rogers of Newton, in 1803, and John Wesson of Grafton, who m. Azubah, D. of Daniel Baker, in 1805, were brothers of Abel and Thomas D. Wesson.

DE WITT,* Deac. SAMUEL (formerly Witt, and altered

*John Witt was in Lynn, in 1650. His first wife was Elizabeth, the 2d Sarah. He d. there in 1675. Of his seven chil. two were sons, John and Thomas. John was one of the Selectmen of Lynn, in 1692. The next that is found of this family name, is in Marlboro', where was John with his wife, Mary, having William, b. in 1708; Jonathan, who m. Lydia Matthews, in 1713, and had Mary, b. in 1715; and Samuel with his wife, Elizabeth, having Samuel, b. in 1718.

These were respectively their first chil., according to Marlboro' records. They may have been sons of John, and were undoubtedly g. sons of John Witt, Sen., of Lynn. Families of this name soon became numerous in Marlboro'. From the line of Samuel was Samuel, who m. Lucy Adams of Acton, Oct. 30, 1787, and had Samuel, b. in 1791.

by Legislature to De Witt, s. of Samuel and Lucy) came here from Marlboro', with his wife, Sarah Eaton of Framingham, in 1825. They were soon after ad. to this chh. She d. here, June 22, 1837, aged 43. No issue.

He next m. Asenath Eaton of Framingham, in 1839.

WORKMAN, Dr. WILLIAM (from Northampton or vicinity) M. D., M. M., S. S., H. U., 1825, came to this town about 1826, m. Sarah Paine, D. of Vashni Hemenway, Esq., Sept. 16, 1828, had *Emeline*, b. Dec. 24, 1829, and soon after removed to Worcester.

APPENDIX.

(A.)

BIOGRAPHICAL.

GENERAL ARTEMAS WARD.

"No kind of reading affords more entertainment and instruction than biography." Zeno, the celebrated philosopher, when he inquired of the Delphic Oracle what manner of life he should lead, received for reply, "*ask the dead.*"

We are profited by an acquaintance with the characters and actions of the wise and good of other days. Although dead, they yet speak. A knowledge of their actions, if public men, will imbue us with a deeper sense of our indebtedness for the privileges we enjoy, and stimulate us to preserve and transmit them unimpaired to generations yet unborn.

In all revolutions, a few master-spirits begin the work, and lead the way. In Boston, Hancock, Otis, and the Adamses, were among the earliest and most zealous supporters of the rights of the Colonies. They had able coajutors in the interior and country towns, among whom the subject of this sketch stood conspicuous. They were the founders, and became pillars in the temple of LIBERTY, how extended! still extending! under whose arch, broad as the land, the people are wont to unite, once in each year, to commemorate the virtues and valorous deeds of their forefathers, and in grateful remembrance of the past, renew the pledge of looking well to the future.

Justice to all is a debt every man owes, and one that every man can, and is in duty bound to pay ; to the illustrious dead, it is one of honor and gratitude. An impartial sketch of the lives of such men, and a faithful relation of the important events, in which, from a love of country and a desire to benefit mankind, they were prominent actors, is not only due to their memory, but will prove an incentive among the living to noble deeds and imperishable fame ; and thus, by keeping alive the *spark*, enkindle more readily the flame of patriotism, when occasion shall occur, if ever, to combat for our unalienable rights, our institutions, and our laws.

Biographical notices by descendants of their ancestors are not uncommon, and perhaps pardonable and justified by the public, inasmuch as they are supposed to be in possession, if any are, of documentary papers illustrative of the character and services of him, of whom they speak. Nevertheless, the position before the public of a biographer of his ancestor is somewhat similar, and the less excusable by being voluntary, to that of a witness testifying in a case where one of the parties is his relative. The public in the one case, as the jury in the other, are not insensible of the natural bias, and therefore often do, as they reasonably may, make some allowance, and, in some instances, not a little, on that account.

What follows is for the most part historical, and from public and private records. The reader will judge and form an opinion for himself.

Artemas Ward was the son of Col. Nahum Ward, one of the early settlers in Shrewsbury, and born there, November 27, 1727, and was graduated at Harvard University, in 1748. At the age of twenty-five years, he was commissioned a Justice of the Peace, and, in 1755, "a Major in the third Regiment of Militia in the Counties of Middlesex and Worcester, (and Captain of the first company of the town of Shrewsbury) whereof Abraham Williams, Esq. [of Marlboro'] was Colonel ;" in 1758, "a Lieut. Colonel in the Regiment of foot, commanded by Col. William Williams, raised for a general invasion of Canada."

Having resigned the office of Selectman, Town Clerk, and Assessor, which he then held in his native town, he went out on that expedition. Some loose leaves of a journal kept by him while there, yet remain; from them it appears great irregularity prevailed among the troops, 16,000 regulars and provincials, under Gen. Abercrombie, while on their march from Lake George to Ticonderoga, with a view to wrest that fortress from the French. The way was woody and otherways difficult; the army marched in four columns; the guides being unskilful, the troops were soon bewildered, the columns broke, marching and countermarching became general, and, as says the journal, "*all was confusion, confusion.*"

In this disorderly manner the army proceeded on its march, column falling in upon column, and driving before them, and killing many of an advanced guard of the enemy. An ill concerted attack was next made upon the fort; after four hours of hard fighting, Gen. Abercrombie ordered a retreat. Nearly 2000 of the regulars were killed, wounded or taken prisoners—of the latter the number was small; among the former was the gallant Lord Howe, who had command of a regiment. The fort was defended by cannon, and manned by four to five thousand men. Trees, in great number, and to the distance of nearly one hundred yards, were arranged before the entrenchment, with their branches outward, and ends sharpened—it was difficult of approach, and musketry was unavailing against it. For some unaccountable reason, the artillery, of which there was a formidable train, was not even brought up to aid in the attack, when it should have commenced it, and opened the way. It was not uncommon at such times for the British officers to post the provincials in front, thereby protecting themselves and the regulars, in some degree, from exposure; such was the case then.

In succeeding years he represented his native town in the "Great and General Court," and took an active part in the struggles between that body and the Colonial Governors, that preceded the Revolution. Fearless in speech, and resolute in manner, he boldly denounced those Parliamentary measures, that encroached upon the rights of the Colonies. The several Governors, if

they did not recommend them, sought to enforce them in language offensive, and by arbitrary means.

The country was roused, and trainings of the militia were frequent; some of whose officers gave political, no less than military, instruction to those under their command. A knowledge of the fact, that such was Col. Ward's practice, was the occasion of a letter, of which the following is a copy.

Boston, June 30, 1766.

To Artemas Ward, Esq.

Sir,—I am ordered by the Governor to signify to you, that he has thought fit to supersede your commission of Colonel in the Regiment of militia, lying in part in the County of Worcester, and partly in the County of Middlesex. And your said commission is superseded accordingly.

I am, Sir, your most ob't and humble serv't,

Jno. Cotton, *Dep'ty Secretary.*

This was forwarded by express. A messenger, in full military dress, and on a foaming steed, rode up to the door of Col. Ward's house, and inquired for him. Upon being told that he was on the common with others, preparing to erect a new meeting house, he posted away, as he came, with extraordinary speed, exciting, by his costume and haste, much wonder as he passed. He soon found the object of his inquiry, having had him pointed out to him by the Rev. Mr. Sumner, who was present, and who, a few years before his death, related what took place on that occasion.

The cautious messenger, approaching the Colonel, asked, if he was Col. Ward? Upon receiving an affirmative answer, he added I was commanded to put this into the hand of Col. Ward in the quickest time possible. A number of people were there, and soon gathered round; having opened and read the letter, he was inquired of by the by-standers, when about folding it up, if there was extraordinary news? Whereupon he read it aloud, the messenger still sitting by on his horse, as if to discover and report how his message was received.

Col. Ward then turning towards him, said, give my compliments to the Governor and say to him, I consider myself *twice* honored, but more in being superseded, than in being commissioned, and that I thank him for this, holding up the letter, since the motive, that dictated it, is evidence, *that I am, what he is not, a friend to my country.*

In losing the confidence of the Governor, he shared more largely in that of the public. In 1768, when it was determined by the House of Representatives to surround the Governor with a Council, composed of men proved and approved for their vigilance in discerning the signs of the times, and for their inflexible opposition to arbitrary rule, he was elected by that body to a seat at the Council Board. The Governor disapproved and negatived the choice. What a compliment to his patriotism!

From that period to 1775, he was a member of the General Court, and a Delegate to the Provincial Congresses held at Concord, Cambridge, &c., the fruit of whose labors was then fast ripening for the harvest. On the 27th of October, 1774, Jedediah Preble, Artemas Ward and Seth Pomroy, were elected General Officers by the first Provincial Congress, then sitting at Cambridge, to take rank in the order above stated, and command such of the militia as should be called out by the Committee of Safety for the defence of the Province.

It does not appear that Mr. Preble accepted his appointment; Hostilities commenced at Lexington and Concord, and there the great drama opened on the 19th of April, 1775. Gen. Ward was at Cambridge on the 20th, and on taking the command, appointed Samuel Osgood, Esq., his Aid-de-camp, and Joseph Ward, Esq., Secretary.

The material for an army, so far as numbers would constitute one, and amounting to many thousands, suddenly and voluntarily assembled at Cambridge. It is worthy of note, that the brave Col. Stark and his gallant band had arrived there on the 22d, being only the 3d day after the commencement of hostilities. Several General Orders were issued on the 20th, for the appointment of Regimental Staff Officers, &c., and among them one, "that a Captain, one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, and fifty-two

rank-and-file, march immediately to bury the dead, and take care of the wounded." Col. Gardner was ordered to repair immediately to Roxbury, and bring to Cambridge, all the bread that could be obtained there, and Col. Bond, to bring all the cannon at Watertown, Newton and Waltham, with part of the ammunition, to the camp, at Cambridge.

A Council of War was called on the same day, consisting of

Generals. WARD, HEATH, WHITCOMB.

Colonels. BRIDGE, FRYE, JAS. PRESCOTT, WM. PRESCOTT, BULLARD, BARRETT.

Lt. Colonels. SPAULDING, NIXON, WHITNEY, MANSFIELD, WHEELOCK, MANN.

Notwithstanding the Camp was crowded, volunteers continued to come to the aid of their brethren already assembled there to avenge their country's wrongs, and battle in its service.

To organize such a body of men, *troops* they could hardly then be called, was a work of labor and time. They were unaccustomed to military service in large masses, unused to camp duty, and impatient under restraint; most of them came direct from their plough-fields and work-shops, unprovided with subsistence or suitable clothing, a scarcity of both was soon experienced in the camp; while of arms and ammunition, there was but a scanty supply, and that of an inferior quality. Conflicting claims of officers respecting rank, but added to the perplexities attending the command.

Yet improvements were made, supplies procurred, and, in a short time, the camp wore the appearance of order and regularity. Picquet* and main guards were established and instructed in their duty, sentinels traversed their rounds, paroles and countersigns were given out daily, and all orders obeyed with alacrity.

* Now written *Picket*.

Even at this late period, whatever relates to the Revolution, is sought for with avidity and read with interest.

Many interesting particulars of that wonderful event are lost beyond recovery; of those that remain, many never found their way to the public; they, too, in little time, unless preserved by the aid of the *press*, will pass into the receptacle of things lost upon earth. To gather them up and thus preserve them, should not be neglected. The call is for *particulars*, for *details*, no matter how minute; a desire to know them increases as the time recedes that gave them birth. From this consideration, I am induced to add something further from Gen. Ward's orderly book.

"*Head Quarters, Cambridge, April* 21, 1775. The General orders, that guards (one Captain, two Subalterns, and forty rank-and-file from each regiment,) be stationed as follows: Two companies in Charlestown road, with advance parties on the heights—one party towards Phipps' farm—one at the bridge—one towards Menotomy, (now West Cambridge)—and one at Winterhill; to keep a vigilant look out, and if the enemy make any movement, or any discoveries are made, to give immediate notice to the General."

"*April* 22, 1775. The General orders, that Col. Stark march to Chelsea with 300 men, to defend the inhabitants of that town."

"*April* 24, 1775. The General orders, that each Adjutant, Sergeant Major and Orderly Sergeant be provided with orderly books, and regularly enter the orders for the army."

The following are selected from the Paroles and Countersigns:

May 9, 1775.	Parole, Shrewsbury.	Countersign, Liberty.
" 10, "	Parole, Leicester.	Countersign, Order.
" 11, "	Parole, Lancaster.	Countersign, Peace.
" 19, "	Parole, Ethan.	Countersign, Allen.

On the 19th of May next following, Gen. Ward was appointed, by the second Provincial Congress, and on the 20th, commis-

sioned, Commander in Chief of all the forces raised by the Provincial Congress, for the defence of this and the other American Colonies.

"*In Provincial Congress, May* 19, 1775. The form of a Commission for Gen. Ward was read, amended and accepted, and is as follows."

THE CONGRESS OF THE COLONY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

To the Hon. ARTEMAS WARD, Esquire.—*Greeting.*

We, reposing especial trust and confidence in your courage and good conduct, do, by these presents, constitute and appoint you, the said ARTEMAS WARD, to be General and Commander in Chief of all the forces raised by the Congress aforesaid for the defence of this and the other American Colonies. You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a General, in leading, ordering and exercising the said forces in arms, both inferior officers and soldiers, and keep them in good order and discipline; and they are hereby commanded to obey you as their General; and you are yourself to observe and follow such orders and instructions as you, from time to time, receive from this or any future Congress, or House of Representatives of this Colony, or the Committee of Safety, so far as the said Committee is empowered by their commission to order and instruct, for the defence of this and the other Colonies, and to demean yourself according to the military rules and discipline established by Congress in pursuance of the trust reposed in you.

, the of A. D. 1775.

By order of Congress,*

President, pro tempore.

Secretary, pro tempore.

* Of this Congress, consisting of 224 members, John Hancock was President, and Benjamin Lincoln, Secretary.

"*May 20th.* The Hon. Mr. [Samuel] Dexter * having, by order of Congress, administered the oath to Gen. Ward, his Commission was delivered to him by the President."

This was an honor and a trust, that such a Congress, a Congress composed of the purest Patriots, delegated for their wisdom, prudence and well known fidelity to their country, would never have conferred upon one of doubtful courage, or untried patriotism.

He accepted the trust, and with it a fearful responsibility, even, if sustained by the energies of the people. That a failure of success in the mighty efforts then being made, and against great odds, would bring his and other heads to the block, was a moral certainty.

His position as Commander in Chief of an armed force resisting the authority of, and warring against, the sovereign power, could not fail of subjecting him, as a traitor, to an ignominious death. Although to him this was apparent in the outset, he did not hesitate; the justice of the cause in which he had engaged, and an implicit confidence in the abiding patriotism of the people, led him at once to obey the call as a matter of duty, although then laboring under bodily infirmity.†

"*June* 14. The General orders, that each Colonel of a Regiment take and keep a roll of his men, their names, when enlisted, place of residence, age, stature and complexion; and order the roll to be called every morning and evening. All officers to see that all tumults and disorders in Camp be suppressed; that all soldiers repair to their barracks and tents immediately after beating the tattoo, on penalty of being confined; and that there be no noise in the Camp after 9 o'clock at night; that Field Officers of the day take special care to suppress all grog-shops,

* His election to the Council Board was negatived by the Governor at the same time he negatived that of Col. Ward.

† Calculus—A painful and distressing complaint, that made active duty, and especially in his case on horseback and in the field, not only inconsistent with personal comfort, but aggravated the malady. Although at times in some degree relieved, he suffered with it to the close of life.

and if the owners of them continue to sell liquors to the soldiers, *he is ordered to stave their liquors;* that all officers see that their men attend upon prayers morning and evening, also divine service on the Lord's-day, with their arms and accoutrements, ready to march in case of alarm; that there be no drumming after the Chaplain is upon the stage, and that the soldiers attend immediately; that the commanding officer of each Regiment see that the arms and ammunition be viewed daily, and that none be wasted; that every Regiment keep a Quarter Guard, and that the arms and ammunition of the Picquet Guard be strictly examined, before they go upon duty, by the commanding officer of the Picquet."

"*June* 15. The General orders, that Samuel Murray be removed from the Goal in Worcester to his father's homestead farm in Rutland; the limits of which he is not to pass until further orders; and all persons are hereby forbidden to offer any violence to said Murray, while he continues in the peace of God within those limits."

"Officer of the day for to-morrow,	Col. Nixon.
Officer of the Picquet to-night,	Maj. Buttrick.
Officer of the Main Guard to-morrow,	Lt. Col. Hutchinson.
Adjutant of the day,	Holden."

"*June* 17*th.* The battle at Charlestown was fought this day." The record contains no more relating to that event.

Although a detachment proceeded to Charlestown and threw up intrenchments there in the night of the 16th, there is no record of an order having been issued for that purpose, yet no doubt one was issued, and, perhaps for reasons of a confidential nature, not put on record. *It was a secret expedition;* its destination and purpose may have been known only to him who ordered, and him who conducted it.

The event that immediately followed, and the greater vigilance required to guard against surprise, may, in some degree, account for the barrenness of the record; it was of more importance to pro-

tect and defend rights, than to record the orders adopted to secure them. The record, besides being of secondary importance, could be made up afterwards; it is matter of regret that it was not done.

The safety of the military stores collected at Cambridge would not admit of early reinforcements to the aid of those on the battle field in Charlestown. The attack upon the Provincials there was considered by Gen. Ward as a mere *feint* to draw the remaining troops from Head Quarters to their relief, and then to push over from the Boston side to Cambridge a fresh body of troops, break up Head Quarters, destroy the stores, and by proceeding to Charlestown neck, enclose the Provincials on the peninsula.

If such was the design, and it had succeeded, it would probably have proved fatal to the American cause; that design, if contemplated, was frustrated by the valorous conduct of the Provincials engaged in battle. Troops, perhaps destined for another purpose, were ordered from Boston by Gen. Gage, to the relief of his discomfitted battalions in Charlestown; this was soon known at Head Quarters, and reinforcements were immediately ordered there, and to march by the way of Lechmere's Point, keeping a sharp look out. They did not reach the place of their destination; the ammunition there was expended and the troops on the retreat before they could arrive. In the mean time an order had been despatched to Gen. Thomas at Roxbury, to send immediately to the Camp at Cambridge, one 18 and one 24 pounder, with proper ordnance stores, and conductors for the same, from Camp at Roxbury.

A Continental Congress had assembled at Philadelphia, on the 10th of May, 1775, and, on the 15th of June following, being then in session, among other proceedings,

"*Resolved*, That a GENERAL be appointed to command all the Continental Forces raised, or to be raised, for the defence of American Liberty."

"The Congress then proceeded to the choice of a GENERAL, by ballot, and GEORGE WASHINGTON was unanimously elected."

On the 16th, the Congress

"*Resolved*, That two Major Generals be appointed for the American Army." And on the 17th, "Congress proceeded to the choice of officers in the Army, by ballot.

Artemas Ward, Esq., was chosen first Major General.

Charles Lee, Esq., was chosen second Major General.

Congressional Journal.

Generals Washington and Lee arrived at Cambridge on the first day of July, 1775, when the former took the command, a command judiciously bestowed by Congress in the exercise of a sound judgment, no less fortunate for the country, than honorable to him, who received it.

All have admitted, and all will continue to admit, that he was the only man, who could have united all hearts; the only man, who could have successfully carried the country through that desperate struggle, and have gained for it an independent rank among nations. General Ward, to the close of his life was known to have said thus much, and, although never lavish of praise, no man held in higher esteem than he, those remarkable qualifications possessed by that extraordinary man, or a higher opinion of the value of the services he rendered to his country.

Gen. Washington's head quarters being established at Cambridge, Gen. Ward took post on the right, at Roxbury, and Gen. Lee, on the left, on Winter Hill. Councils of War were repeatedly held to devise means, and adopt measures for driving the British troops out of Boston; and such were effected, that, on the 17th of March, they were compelled to evacuate the town, when the American troops, led on by Gen. Washington, immediately took possession. Gen. Ward was left shortly after in command in the Eastern Department, Gen. Washington with a large portion of the army, having proceeded to New York.

In April following, his infirmity increasing, Gen. Ward represented to Congress the feeble state of his health, and his unwillingness to continue in office and receive its emoluments, when prevented by ill health from rendering an equivalent in the service, and respectfully requested of Congress to accept his resignation of the office of Major General.

Upon a repeated application, his request was granted; yet, as it would seem from the following extract from the Congressional Journal, not without a hope that his health would be restored, and his services retained.

"*Nov.* 7, 1776. Whereas the late Major General Ward, since his resignation of his trust, has continued in command in the Eastern Department, at the request of the Commander in Chief, and still continues therein at the request of Congress, it is, therefore,

"*Ordered,* That he receive the pay of a Major General, commanding in a separate Department, from the 26th day of April last, being the time of his resignation, and until a suitable person shall be appointed to take the command in his stead, or it shall be otherwise ordered by Congress."

He continued in the service until the close of that year.

In 1777, he was elected by the House of Representatives, a member of the Executive Council of the Colony, and by the Council, President of that Board. In 1779, appointed a member of the Continental Congress, but prevented by ill health from taking a seat in that body.

What follows renders it unnecessary to extend this notice further.

On one of the four sides of a Family Monument, of hewn granite, recently erected in the burying ground in Shrewsbury, is the following inscription to his memory, containing a condensed account of the principal stations in which he acted his part, in an eventful period of our country's history.

MAJOR GENERAL ARTEMAS WARD.

(Son of Col. NAHUM WARD,)

H. U. 1748. 1762, a Justice, and, 1776, Chief Justice of the C. C. Pleas for the Co. of Worcester.

1758, a Major in the expedition against Canada.

1759, appointed Col.; 1766, his commission, as Col., revoked, for his inflexible opposition to arbitrary power, whereupon he informed the Royal Governor, that he had been TWICE honored.

1768, chosen one of the Executive Council, and by the Royal Governor, and for the same reason, negatived and deprived of a seat at that Board.

1775, appointed to the command of the army at Cambridge, and, by the Continental Congress, First Major General in the army of the Revolution.

1779; appointed a member of the Continental Congress, and, under the Federal Government, repeatedly elected a member.

16 years a Representative from this town in the Legislature, and, in 1786,
Speaker of the House of Reps.

Firmness of mind and integrity of purpose were characteristic of his whole life, so that he was never swayed by the applause or censure of man, but ever acted under a deep sense of duty to his country, and accountability to his God.

Long will his memory be precious among the friends of Liberty and Religion.

Oct. 27, 1800, Æ. 73.

(B.)

The following list of Town Officers from 1829 to 1846 inclusive, having been furnished with a request, that it may appear in this work, is here inserted in continuation of the list ending on the 84th page.

Moderators.	Town Clerks.	Selectmen.	Assessors.	Treasurers.	Representatives.
1830. Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	Henry Snow, Esq.	Balch Dean, Esq. Capt. T. Harrington, Jr. Ephraim Hapgood, Prescott Brigham, Henry Snow, Esq.	Capt. T. Harrington, Benjamin Maynard, Capt. A. Harrington.	Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	Capt. T. Harrington, Jr.
1831. Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	Henry Snow, Esq.	Nymphas Pratt, Esq. Capt. T. Harrington, Jr. Prescott Brigham, Henry Snow, Esq. Capt. A. Harrington.	Capt. A. Harrington, Capt. Amasa Howe, Nathan Pratt, Jr.	Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	Nymphas Pratt, Esq.
1832. Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	Henry Snow, Esq.	Nymphas Pratt, Esq. Henry Snow, Esq. Prescott Brigham, Abraham Knowlton, Jonas M. Miles.	Benjamin Maynard, Capt. Amasa Howe, Nathan Pratt, Jr.	Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	Nymphas Pratt, Esq.
1833. Capt. Artemas Stone.	Capt. Job C. Stone.	Balch Dean, Esq. Capt. A. Harrington, Calvin Howe, Henry Baldwin, Dr. Azor R. Phelps.	Capt. A. Harrington, Capt. Amasa Howe, Wm. H. Knowlton.	Capt. Nath'n Baldwin.	

Moderators.	Town Clerks.	Selectmen.	Assessors.	Treasurers.	Representatives.
1834. Balch Dean, Esq.	Capt. Job C. Stone.	Balch Dean, Esq. Capt. A. Harrington, Calvin Howe, Henry Baldwin, Dr. Azor R. Phelps.	Capt. Amasa Howe, Capt. W. H. Knowlton, Prescott Brigham.	Capt. Nath'n Baldwin.	
1835. Balch Dean, Esq.	Dr. Azor R. Phelps.	Balch Dean, Esq. Capt. A. Harrington, Calvin Howe, Henry Baldwin, Prescott Brigham.	Capt. Amasa Howe, Prescott Brigham, Calvin N. Slocomb.	Capt. Nath'n Baldwin.	
1836. A. Harrington, Esq.	Dr. Azor R. Phelps.	Balch Dean, Esq. A. Harrington, Esq. Calvin Howe, Henry Baldwin, Prescott Brigham.	Capt. T. Harrington, Capt. W. H. Knowlton, Daniel Heywood.	Wm. W. Pratt.	
1837. A. Harrington, Esq.	Dr. Azor R. Phelps.	A. Harrington, Esq. Calvin Howe, Henry Baldwin, Ethan Temple, Lemuel B. Hapgood.	Capt. Amasa Howe, Benjamin Maynard, Samuel De Witt.	Wm. W. Pratt.	
1838. A. Harrington, Esq.	Dr. Azor R. Phelps.	A. Harrington, Esq. Calvin Howe, Henry Baldwin, Ethan Temple, Lemuel B. Hapgood.	Capt. T. Harrington, Sam'l Woodburn, Jr. Daniel Heywood.	Wm. W. Pratt.	Adam Harrington, Esq. Dr. Azor R. Phelps.

Moderators.	Town Clerks.	Selectmen.	Assessors.	Treasurers.	Representatives.
1839. Calvin Howe.	Capt. Joab Hapgood.	A. Harrington, Esq. Calvin Howe, Ethan Temple, Lemuel B. Hapgood, Capt. Leander Fales.	Benjamin Maynard, Capt. Amasa Howe, Jonas W. Allen.	Lucius S. Allen.	Adam Harrington, Esq. Dr. Azor R. Phelps.
1840. A. Harrington Esq.	Capt. Joab Hapgood.	A. Harrington, Esq. Henry Baldwin, Ethan Temple, Lemuel B. Hapgood, Daniel Heywood.	Sam'l Woodburn, Jr. Capt. W. H. Knowlton, Capt. T. Harrington.	Lucius S. Allen.	Capt. Job C. Stone.
1841. Nymphas Pratt, Esq.	Capt. Job C. Stone.	A. Harrington, Esq. Jonathan Nickols, Caleb H. Warren, Lemuel B. Hapgood, Jonas H. Allen.	Capt. T. Harrington, Capt. W. H. Knowlton, Henry B. Pratt.	Wm. W. Pratt.	Capt. Job C. Stone.
1842. Dea. Jonas M. Miles.	Capt. Job C. Stone.	Dea. Jonas M. Miles, Jonathan Nickols, Caleb H. Warren, Jonas H. Allen, Gideon Harlow.	Capt. Amasa Howe, Capt. W. H. Knowlton, Henry B. Pratt.	Charles O. Green.	
1843. Dea. Jonas M. Miles.	Capt. Job C. Stone.	Dea. Jonas M. Miles, Jonathan Nickols, Caleb H. Warren, Jonas H. Allen, Gideon Harlow.	Capt. Amasa Howe, Henry B. Pratt, Benjamin Maynard.	Charles O. Green.	

Moderators.	Town Clerks.	Selectmen.	Assessors.	Treasurers.	Representatives.
1844. A. Harrington, Esq.	Capt. Job C. Stone.	A. Harrington, Esq. Dea. Jonas M. Miles, Thomas W. Ward, Lemuel B. Hapgood, Sam'l Woodburn, Jr.	Capt. W. H. Knowlton, Nathan Pratt, Jr. Henry B. Pratt.	Charles O. Green.	
1845. Wm. W. Pratt.	Capt. Job C. Stone.	Capt. Joab Hapgood, Jonathan Nickols, Lucius S. Allen, Henry B. Pratt, Charles E. Miles.	Capt. Amasa Howe, Benjamin Maynard, Eli Walcutt.	Charles O. Green.	
1846. Capt. Joab Hapgood.	Capt. Job C. Stone.	Capt. Joab Hapgood, Lucius S. Allen, Charles E. Miles, Gideon Harlow, Henry Howe.	Capt. W. H. Knowlton, Benjamin Maynard, Eli Walcutt.	Charles O. Green.	

Titles having been made a matter of record from the beginning to a recent period, it has been thought advisable, for the sake of uniformity, to apply them in latter years.

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